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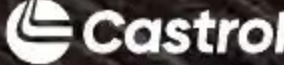
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	NDA	I.N.D.I.A	JSP	Others
Praja Poll Analytics	184-209	32-49	--	1-5
DV Research	137-152	83-98	2-4	4-8
Chanakya Strategies	130-138	100-108	--	3-5
Peoples Insight	133-148	87-102	0-2	3-6
Dainik Bhaskar	145-160	73-91	0	5-10
JVC Polls	135-150	88-103	0-1	3-6
TIF Research	145-163	76-95	--	3-6
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COUNTER

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All that the people have got from the NDA government is assurances, slogans, rhetoric, and empty promises. People of Bihar can no longer stand these, not even for a second..

Tejashwi Yadav

RJD leader

V/S

No matter what any poll says... The BJP-NDA is going to win the election with at least 160 seats. There was a one-sided wave (in favour of NDA).

Syed Shahnawaz Hussain

BJP spokesperson

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Poll diary

BJP lodges plaint against RJD over social media post

The BJP on Tuesday lodged a formal complaint against the RJD, accusing it of violating the election Model Code of Conduct (MCC) and other legal provisions through a social media post amidst the second phase of the Bihar polls. In its written complaint to the chief electoral officer, the BJP alleged that the RJD's post amounted to “deliberate attempts to manipulate voter perception on the day of polling,” saying such actions “strike at the root of democracy.” Earlier in the day, the RJD had posted on its Facebook page that workers of the BJP and Lok Janshakti Party (LJP) were not facilitating votes for the JD(U) and vice versa.

Clash among party workers near booth in Nawada

A minor clash took place between supporters of different political parties near a booth in the Warisaliganj area in Bihar's Nawada district on Tuesday. Nawada Superintendent of Police Abhinav Dhiman said that a minor clash took place between supporters of different political parties around 1.5 km away from the polling booth. He said that rumours that a government vehicle engaged in poll duty has been damaged were completely baseless and claimed that the damaged vehicle is a private one. A video purportedly showing the clash went viral on social media. In the video, a person was heard saying that he was beaten by his opponents for not casting a vote in favour of a particular party.

‘Voting for change’: Akhilesh slams ‘fake exit polls’

Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav on Tuesday congratulated voters of Bihar for what he described as “historic voting for change” and expressed confidence that a “progressive, job-creating Mahagathabandhan government” would soon be formed in the state. He also advised all Opposition candidates, workers and supporters to remain vigilant during the counting process and keep a watch where the EVMs are stored. In a post on social media platform X, Yadav alleged that the ruling party was spreading confusion through “pre-planned fake exit polls”. The former Uttar Pradesh chief minister claimed that similar exit polls during the Lok Sabha elections in UP had proven wrong, as “big BJP leaders had lost along with the fake exit polls”.

Vijay’s TVK applies for common election symbol

Actor Vijay's Tamilaga Vetri Kazhagam (TVK) on Tuesday moved the Election Commission of India (ECI) seeking a common symbol for the party to contest the 2026 Tamil Nadu Assembly elections. The party applied for a symbol on the first day the ECI began accepting requests from registered political parties in this regard. “We have chosen 10 from the list of common election symbols allotted by the ECI for registered political parties and independent candidates. We have given our preferences in the petition, and we hope to get one from the 10,” a source in the TVK told *DH*.

Record 66.91% turnout as polls conclude

NDA vs I.N.D.I.A: Fate of 2,616 candidates sealed ahead of November 14 counting

ABHAY KUMAR PATNA

The keenly contested Bihar Assembly elections concluded on Tuesday with at least 66.91% of 7.45 crore voters exercising their franchise across two phases — the highest turnout since 1951. The polls sealed the fate of 2,616 candidates and will determine whether the Nitish Kumar-led NDA returns to power or the Tejashwi Yadav-led I.N.D.I.A bloc unseats the incumbent.

Women voters appeared to have driven the turnout to record levels, with at least 71.6% of 3.51 crore casting their ballots, while men lagged behind at 62.8% of 3.93 crore. These figures may rise slightly as the data is provisional and does not yet include service voters, transgender voters or postal ballots.

In the second phase where 122 seats went to polls, at least 69.12% turnout was recorded as against the phase 1 when 65.08% votes were polled. Women voted more in the second phase (74.03%) as against the first phase (69.04%).

The previous highest turnout for the Assembly election was 62.57% in 2000, while the

lowest was 42.6% in 1951-52.

In Tuesday's polling, at least four constituencies had a turnout above 80% — Kasba 81.48%, Thakurganj 81.32%, Pranpur 81.01% and Barari 80.96%.

All eyes are now on November 14, when counting will be held for all 243 seats.

Barring a few stray skirmishes, the final phase of polling remained largely peaceful. In Rohtas district, a sizeable group of voters boycotted the election after their demand for a school was not met. In Nawada, supporters of two rival parties clashed, but timely intervention by the police defused the situation.

With Tuesday's vote, the fate of Industries Minister Nitish Mishra as well as Snehlata Kushwaha, wife of former Union minister Upendra Kushwaha, and Deepa Manjhi, daughter-in-law of Union Minister Jitan Ram Manjhi, has been sealed.

Of the 122 seats that went to polls, the NDA had won 66 in 2020, while the Mahagathabandhan secured 49. The AIM-IM wrested five seats.

In the 2025 election too, the contest has remained direct and fierce between the NDA and the I.N.D.I.A bloc.

People wait to cast their votes at a polling station during the second and final phase of the Bihar Assembly elections, in Jehanabad, on Tuesday. PTI

People watch exit poll results on TV sets at a showroom, in Patna. PTI

Bihar CM Nitish Kumar visits JD(U) office in Patna. PTI

A security personnel assists an elderly voter to a polling station in Motihari. PTI

Jan Surraaj leader Prashant Kishor after casting vote in Rohtas. PTI

Clashes, rigging charges mar Jubilee Hills bypoll

S N V SUDHIR
HYDERABAD, DHNS

The Jubilee Hills bypoll concluded amid mild tension in parts of the constituency, with BRS candidate Maganti Sunitha alleging intimidation and malpractice by Congress leaders.

The by-election recorded a voter turnout of 48.49%. Over 4.01 lakh voters were eligible to exercise their franchise, with 58 candidates in the fray.

Polling began at 7 am across 407 polling stations in the constituency, which encompasses the upscale Jubilee Hills along with several middle-class colonies, weaker section neighborhoods, and slums.

Despite its affluent profile, the area has consistently registered low voter participation—56.85% in 2014, 47.25 in 2018, and 47.58% in the 2024 Assembly polls.

Tension flared briefly in Krishna Nagar, where Sunitha and her supporters staged a protest in front of a function hall, alleging that the Congress was sheltering outsiders to cast fake votes.

Congress workers, however, claimed that the hall had been hired in advance to serve food to their polling agents. A minor clash ensued before police intervened and restored order.

Sunitha accused the Congress of attempting to manipulate the poll through bogus voting.

Budgam, Nagrota record strong polling in J&K bypolls

ZULFIKAR MAJID
SRINAGAR, DHNS

Two politically significant assembly constituencies — Budgam in central Kashmir and Nagrota in Jammu district — went to bypolls on Tuesday, witnessing enthusiastic voter participation despite freezing temperatures.

According to election officials, Nagrota recorded over 75.08% voter turnout, while Budgam saw nearly 50.02% polling. The polling, held amid tight security arrangements, remained peaceful in both con-

stituencies, with no untoward incident reported.

Voting began at 7 am under bone-chilling conditions, as most parts of the valley experienced sub-zero night temperatures. In Budgam, voters began trickling into polling booths early in the morning, defying the cold to exercise their franchise. Security personnel were deployed in strength to ensure a smooth polling process.

A total of 17 candidates are in the fray from Budgam, including National Conference's (NC) Aga Syed Mehmood, Peoples Democratic Party's (PDP) Aga

SC seeks EC reply on pleas against SIR in TN, WB

Orders high courts to keep in abeyance petitions concerning voter roll revision

ASHISH TRIPATHI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Supreme Court on Tuesday issued a notice to the Election Commission on a batch of pleas challenging the constitutional validity of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Tamil Nadu and West Bengal.

A Bench of Justices Surya Kant and Joydip Bagchi sought a detailed response from the poll panel and posted the matter for further hearing on November 26.

The court also ordered that the High Courts should keep in abeyance the petitions filed before them concerning the SIR in Tamil Nadu and West Bengal.

The petitions were filed by leaders of the Trinamool Congress (TMC), the West Bengal Pradesh Congress Committee, the Communist Party of India (Marxist), and the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK).

Upon hearing the counsels, the Bench observed that since the Supreme Court was already seized of the issue of the constitutional validity and

legality of the SIR of electoral rolls in various states, including Bihar, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, and Puducherry, the jurisdictional High Courts were requested to defer or keep in abeyance any writ proceedings concerning the same.

‘Undue haste’

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for the DMK, argued that the SIR exercise was being conducted in undue haste, unlike before, when it typically took three years to revise the electoral rolls.

He also contended that there were no 5G networks in many areas, making it difficult for officials to upload forms digitally.

Senior advocate Rakesh Dwivedi, representing the Election Commission, countered that states appeared to be competing with each other to show how backward they were instead of demonstrating development.

The Bench, however, questioned the petitioners on why they were so apprehensive about the exercise.

Sibal responded that conditions varied across states. In Tamil Nadu, for instance, heavy rainfall during November and December could hamper the process, unlike in other regions.

The bench remarked, “You are acting as if the electoral roll revision is taking place for the first time. We are also aware of the ground realities.”

ELECTORAL TROUBLE

BJP in Assam caught in ST quagmire ahead of polls

SUMIR KARMAKAR
GUWAHATI, DHNS

The ruling BJP in poll-bound Assam is caught in a quagmire over its pre-poll promise of granting Scheduled Tribe (ST) status to six ethnic communities—a long-pending demand from them.

With the Assembly elections slated for early next year, organisations representing the Ahoms, Morans, Motoks, Chutias, Koch Rajbongshis, and “tea tribes”—considered the BJP's vote bank in Assam—have once again hit the streets demanding the fulfilment of the BJP's promise, which they say will bring about their welfare through reservation in jobs, education, scholarships, and

special schemes.

The ethnic communities are considered deciding factors in more than 80 out of Assam's 126 Assembly seats.

On the other hand, a coordination committee of organisations representing the 14 existing ST communities have hit the streets opposing the government's move to accord ST status to these six ethnic communities.

Monday witnessed two massive protests: one at Udalguri in North Assam by the Santhal community seeking ST status, and the other at Sonapur on the outskirts of Guwahati by ST groups opposing it.

“The six communities earlier voted for the BJP, as it promised to fulfil

our long-pending demand for ST status. The BJP has been winning elections since 2014. However, the government has done nothing to fulfil the demand. This time, we want the BJP to fulfil the promise before the elections because they forget us after coming to power,” said Daniel Murmu, a Santhal Students' Union member, on Monday.

Organisations representing the six communities also protested separately over the past month, increasing the BJP's worries.

The Co-ordination Committee of the Tribal Organisations in Assam on Monday claimed that giving the new communities ST status could hamper their welfare by curtailing the benefits they were getting as tribals.

backward and need such benefits. If more communities are included, the benefits will be reduced, thereby hampering their progress,” said an Assam Tribal Sangha leader.

Meanwhile, a BJP leader told *DH* that the matter had now become a “two-edged sword”.

“The demand for ST status has remained unfulfilled as the six communities do not fulfil most of the criteria to be considered STs. So, our government is preparing a fresh proposal to be submitted to the Central government,” he said.

However, Murmu said, “The ethnic communities voted the Congress out as it failed to fulfil its promise. If the BJP does not fulfil its promise either, it, too, will be defeated.”

DMK, allies protest against SIR

CHENNAI, DHNS: As DMK and its alliance partners took to the streets against the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin on Tuesday said preventing the exercise was the greatest duty before cadres now.

In a post on his X page, Stalin said the DMK and its allies were involved in both legal and field struggle against the SIR, which he said robs even the fundamental right to vote in a democracy.

“On one hand, we have set up a helpline to prevent irregularities in the SIR works that have already begun. Today, cadres from the Secular

Progressive Alliance (SPA) hit the streets against SIR. Let us continue to act! Let us protect the voting rights of our people,” he said.

Leaders from the DMK, Congress, VCK, and Left held demonstrations across the state on Tuesday, demanding that the EC postpone the exercise until after the Assembly elections in 2026.

They shouted slogans against the ECI like “Is it Election Commission of India or Election Commission of Modi”, and “ECI acts like a wing of the BJP” and spoke about how the exercise could disenfranchise lakhs of voters.

Children's hospital upgraded from 450 to 1,000 beds

Expanded IGICH facility to enhance paediatric services

AMULLYA SHIVASHANKAR
BENGALURU, DHNS

The Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health (IG-ICH) in Jayanagar has been upgraded from a 450-bed facility to a 1,000-bed hospital. Built at an estimated cost of Rs135 crore, the new eight-storey building is ready, but will open once the Department of Medical Education (DME) recruits the required staff,

officials said.

The new block will include 25 Neonatal Intensive Care Units (NICUs). "We already have 50 NICUs, and they are always full. The additional units will help us treat more newborns," said Dr Sanjay KS, Director, IGICH.

The hospital is also set to introduce organ transplant services, including bone marrow and renal transplants. It currently treats around 1,500 children with thalassemia, and the new facility will enable bone marrow transplants for these patients, he added.

To support the expansion, IGICH has requested the DME to recruit 100 more doctors and 300 nurses.

"Since we are starting trans-



The new eight-storey building on the Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health campus in Jayanagar, Bengaluru.

DH PHOTO/AMULLYA SHIVASHANKAR

plantation services, we'll need more nurses to provide one-to-one care," Dr Sanjay said. Sujatha Rathod, Director,

DME, said recruitment has been delayed due to the ongoing legal case over internal reservation.

"We can recruit candidates, but cannot issue appointment orders as the matter is pending in court," she said.

The new block will also house a fetal medicine unit, launched two months ago, where over 40 pregnant women have been screened so far.

The service helps expectant parents detect rare diseases in the fetus and make informed decisions about the pregnancy.

IGICH also performs ear cartilage implants to help children regain hearing and normal function — about 80 such procedures have been carried out to date.

The institute is recognised as Karnataka's Centre of Excellence for Rare Diseases.

Crackdown on illegal PGs, hostels in East B'loru begins

BENGALURU, DHNS

In a bid to ensure public health and safety, the Bengaluru East Municipal Corporation (BEMC) is gearing up to launch a crackdown on unauthorised and illegal paying guest (PG) accommodations and hostels operating in the area.

Additional Commissioner (Development) Lokhande Snehal Sudhakar has directed the authorities concerned to take strict action against PGs

and hostels that flout the rules and regulations laid down under the GBA Act, 2024.

To achieve this, the East Municipal Corporation has designated zone health officers as the primary leaders. Inspection teams will work under them and follow a set plan. The commissioner insisted that all action must strictly align with the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) outlined for controlling and operating against illegal PGs and lodgings.

Inspection schedule

Officials said they have already made an inspection schedule, starting with the Mahadevapura and KR Puram zones.

In Mahadevapura, Dr Rakesh N will lead the operation in Hoodi, Whitefield, and Marathahalli from November 12 to 14.

In KR Puram, Dr KM Visvesvaraya will lead the drive in Horamavu, KR Puram, and HAL on the same dates, the officials said.

Sub-registrar, realtor arrested for fraudulent sale of sites

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Central Crime Branch (CCB) of the Bengaluru police on Tuesday announced the arrest of a sub-registrar and the owner of a real-estate firm for cheating landowners.

Police are yet to disclose the identity of the suspects as investigations are on. Both individuals were believed to have been absconding for nearly three years.

Police made the arrests following a complaint from a Beratena Aagrahara resident.

The person filed the complaint at the Parappana Aagrahara police station in 2022, and the case was transferred to the CCB's Organised Crime Wing (OCW) in 2024.

The landowner was acquainted with the real-estate firm owner and had entered

into a verbal agreement with him to develop residential sites on his land.

As per the agreement, the company developed 107 sites on the property. But the company owner, along with another individual, allegedly misled the landowner by saying he had authorised them through the agreement to sell the sites. They took him to the sub-registrar's office, saying only one site will be registered in his presence.

"In collusion with the sub-registrar and a computer operator, the suspects created fake documents and sold multiple sites to the public without the complainant's knowledge, collecting crores of rupees and cheating him by not paying any money," a police statement said.



Father-son duo held for cheating city jeweller of Rs 1.60 crore

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Halasuru Gate police have arrested a father-son duo for allegedly cheating a city-based jeweller of Rs 1.60 crore.

The arrested are Rajendra Kumar and his son Jeevan, both natives of Rajasthan.

A jeweller from Nagarathpet filed a complaint on September 8, stating that between July 28 and September 4, the two had taken gold ornaments from him to sell for a share in the profit. However, the duo neither returned the ornaments nor paid the sale proceeds.

The Halasuru Gate police registered a case and arrested the two on October 28 from their house in Nehru Nagar, Sheshadripuram.

Police said both confessed during interrogation.

"During sustained interrogation, the suspects revealed that they had melted the gold ornaments taken from the complainant and converted them into a gold bar, which they had kept at their residence. Acting on this information, police searched their house and seized a 1.3 kg gold bar, valued at Rs 1.60 crore," the police said in a statement, adding that the suspects have been remanded to judicial custody.

Man arrested for stealing 42 Royal Enfield bikes worth Rs 1.25 cr

BENGALURU, DHNS: Adugodi police arrested a bike thief who stole Royal Enfield motorcycles to perform stunts before selling them in Tamil Nadu.

Police recovered 42 bikes worth Rs 1.25 crore from the 35-year-old Tamil Nadu native Raju alias Kuppaswamy, who worked several jobs, including selling clothes, automobile servicing, and truck driving.

Police said Raju became obsessed with performing stunts on Royal Enfield bikes. He would steal a bike, ride it through the city roads performing wheelies, and

then sell it. After several bike thefts, police increased patrolling.

During one operation, they spotted Raju fleeing after stealing a motorcycle on Hosur Road and caught him after a brief chase.

Investigations showed Raju was linked to at least three theft cases across the city.

He confessed to giving stolen bikes to relatives and friends from whom he had borrowed money. He instructed them not to register the bikes in their names, claiming he had availed bank loans to purchase them.

Liberian national held for drug peddling

BENGALURU, DHNS: Avalahalli police arrested a foreigner after seizing Rs 1.60 crore worth of narcotics.

The arrested is Counde Prince, 30, a Liberian national with a BE degree in computer engineering.

On November 7, Avalahalli police received a tip-off that a foreign national residing in a house near Kammasandra Circle was selling banned narcotic substance MDMA crystals.

Police said they acted on the intel, raided the house, and arrested the suspect, who admitted to buying MDMA crystals cheap from unknown sources and selling them at a profit.

From the suspect, police seized 537 grams of MDMA crystals of various colours, valued at Rs 1.60 crore.

On November 8, the suspect was produced before the court and remanded in judicial custody.

◆ IN THE CITY ◆

GENERAL
'Lakshya' inauguration: Aahwahani Foundation; Indian Institute of World Culture, BP Wadia Road, Basavanagudi; 10 am.
Innovation 2025: RR Institutions, Raja Reddy Layout; 10.30 am.
Inter-College Athletics: Bangalore City University; Sri Kanterava Stadium, Kasturba Road; 11.30 am.
CULTURAL
'Santvani': Sant Tukaram film screening; Khinchu Auditorium, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Race Course Road; 4 pm.
Book Release: R Sunandamma's 'Edeya Pada'; Hitaishini Women's Studies Center, Women's Anti-Atrocities Coalition, Samata Studies Center; Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath, Kumarakrupa Road; 4.30 pm.

◆ CITY WEATHER ◆

FORECAST

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TEMPERATURES

Maximum 29.0°C
Minimum 19.0°C

Rainfall (as of 8:30 am) --
Humidity (as of 5:30 pm) 58%
Sunset (Nov 12) 17:51 pm
Sunrise (Nov 13) 6:17 am
Moonrise 23:46 pm
Moonset 12:00 pm

(Relevant data recorded at 5.30 pm) Source: IMD

CORRIGENDUM AGAINST E-TENDER NOTICE NO. EL/29/RT29_2025/K/857 DATED: 18-10-2025

Due to technical reason, corrigendum has been issued of above tender and the tender closing date & time has been extended from 10-11-2025 on 15.00 hrs. to 14-11-2025 on 15.00 hrs. Details are as follows.

SN.	Tender No.	Name of work	Remarks of corrigendum
1	RT29_2025	Provision of 750 V Power Supply for Maintenance of HOG Coaches in Washing/Sick Lines of Maintenance Depots/Sheds over Katihar Division.	Tender closing date & time has been extended to 14-11-2025 on 15.00 hrs.

All other terms & conditions are remain unchanged.
Sr. DEE/G & Chg, Katihar

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CORRIGENDUM AGAINST E-TENDER NOTICE NO. EL/29/RT2-18_2025/K/847; DATED: 18-10-2025

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SN	Tender No.	Name of the work	Remarks of Corrigendum
1	RT2-18_2025	Katihar Division- Provision of IOT Devices for Monitoring and Control of Electrical General Assets like Lifts, Escalators, Platform (30/70%) Lighting, Street Light, Sub Station, Pumps etc. over Katihar Division. (Phase-II).	Tender closing date & time has been extended to 14.11.2025 on 15:00 Hrs.

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.
Sr. DEE/G & Chg./Katihar

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The eligible institutions/organisations may submit the proposal online in the prescribed format to the Consultant (Research) on the email ID sro-nhrcc@nic.in

The last date of submission of the research proposal is 11th December 2025.
CBC 53101/11/0008/2526

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
No.-P/Agra/settlement/Pension Adalat/ 15 Dec. 2025 Date: 10.11.2025

NOTIFICATION

Pension Adalat to be conducted by North Central Railway, Agra

As per the guidelines issued by Railway Board and HQ office, Prayagraj, Pension Adalat will be organised by Agra Division, North Central Railway on 15th Dec. 2025 (Monday) at 11:00 o'clock. The Pensioner / Family pensioners retired wef December 2003 only from Agra division may submit their grievances if any, related to pension or settlement payment in the given format, latest by 28.11.2025 at the following address:-

Address for application	Venue of Pension Adalat
Sr. Divisional Personnel Officer (settlement) North Central Railway Agra.	Goverdhan Meeting Hall, DRM office building North Central Railway Agra (From: 11:00 hrs)

Format of Application:-

- Name of the applicant.
- Name of the Ex. Employee.
- Designation & last place of posting.
- Relation of the applicant with Ex. Employee.
- Present postal address.
- Date of retirement.
- Nature of retirement (Normal/VR/CR).
- P.P.O. No (Photocopy to be enclosed).
- Last pay drawn and scale of pay.
- Mobile No. and email id.
- Grievance in details.

Signature of the applicant

Note:- Please mention "Pension Adalat 15 Dec. 2025" on the top of the envelope.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Publics are hereby informed that my client M/s DS-Max Properties Pvt.Ltd., Rep: by its Authorized Signatory Mr Shivashankar Chikkeri, Having its Office at No. 1854, 17th Main, 30th 'B' Cross, HBR Layout, 1st Stage, 5th Block, Bengaluru- 43 and intend to enter into Absolute Sale Deed with Owner Sri B.L.Keshav Kumar s/o Sri B.V.Lakshminarayan is the absolute owner of converted land property bearing old Sy.No. 76, New Sy. No. 76/2, which measuring 3 acre 15.08 guntas, situated at Guvalakanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Chikkaballapura Taluk, Chikkaballapura District, in vide; Conversion Order dated 09/01/2024, in Order No. 579155, for residential use, issued by Deputy Commissioner, Chikkaballapura District and bounded on East by: Land of Sy.No. 77/1, West by: Land of Sy.No. 76/3, North by: Land of Sy.No. 76/1, South by: Land of Sy.No. 76/2 and Road and referred to as schedule property of Item.No.I.

WHEREAS Sri C.N.Narayanaswamy s/o Sri C.Chinnappa is the absolute owner of converted land property bearing old Sy.No. 76, New Sy. No. 76/3, which measuring 4 acre, situated at Guvalakanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Chikkaballapura Taluk, Chikkaballapura District, in vide; Conversion Order dated 09/01/2024, in Order No. 579154, for residential use, issued by Deputy Commissioner, Chikkaballapura District and bounded on East by: Land of Sy.No. 76/2, West by: Land of Sy.No. 75 & 144, North by: Land of Sy.No. 76/1, South by: Land of Sy.No. 76/2 and Road and referred to as schedule property of Item.No.II.

WHEREAS Sri G.N.Sreenivas s/o Sri G.Nanjundappa is the absolute owner of converted land property bearing Sy.No. 77/2, which measuring 3 acres 27 guntas, situated at Guvalakanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Chikkaballapura Taluk, Chikkaballapura District, in vide; Conversion Order dated 06/05/2016, in Order No. ALN(CH)JSR:SAKALA450/2014-15, for residential use, issued by Deputy Commissioner, Chikkaballapura District and bounded on East by: Land of Sy.No. 78, West by: Land of Sy.No. 77/1, North by: Land of Sy.No. 78, South by: Land of Sy.No. 74 and referred to as schedule property of Item.No.III.

WHEREAS Sri B.V.Abhinandan s/o Sri B.S. Venkatarathnam, Sri Y. M. Manjunatha s/o Sri Y. Muniyappa and Sri H.Chikkasannaappa s/o Thammanna are the absolute owners of converted land property bearing old Sy.No. 77/1, New Sy. No. 77/4, which measuring 3 acres 34 guntas and exclusive of 03 guntas 'A' kharab land, situated at Guvalakanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Chikkaballapura Taluk, Chikkaballapura District, in vide; Conversion Order dated 06/05/2016, in Order No. ALN(CH)JSR:SAKALA465/2014-15, for residential use, issued by Deputy Commissioner, Chikkaballapura District and bounded on East by: Land of Sy.No. 77/2, West by: Land of Sy.No. 76, North by: Land of Sy.No. 78, South by: Land of Sy.No. 74 and referred to as schedule property of Item.No.IV,

which total measuring of Item.No.I to IV = 3 acre 15.08 guntas + 4 acres + 3 acre 27 guntas + 3 acre 34 guntas = 14 acres 36.08 guntas and exclusive of 03 guntas 'A' kharab land in old Sy.No. 77/1, New Sy.No. 77/4 and referred to as "schedule property of Item.No.I to IV".

Any Person or Any Authorities or Any Promoters having any asserting right, title, interest and claims to oppose for Absolute Sale Deed of property and further having any manner of right, title, claims etc., and may lodge their objections, claims over the property along with relevant papers in support of their claims, right to the below address within 10 days from the date of this notice, if any objections fails to comply, my client shall take further steps and shall deemed for entering into Absolute Sale Deed of property.

LINGARAJ. S. NADAGOUDA.,
ADVOCATE
No.1854, 17th Main, 30th 'B' Cross, HBR Layout, 1st Stage, 5th Block, Bengaluru - 560 043.
Mob : 96204 74780 , 94481 35970

PUBLIC NOTICE

The public at large is notified that, Sri. Nusrath Pasha, aged about 76 years, S/o Late Abdul Sattar Sahib @ Baba Sahib, residing at No. 405 & 406, Neelachari Mahi Nandidurga Road, Bangalore-560054, is the 12th Defendant and his wife Mrs. Batula Begum, is 13th defendant, in O.S. No. 15687 of 2006 pending on the board of the Hon'ble XXVII Additional City Civil and Sessions Judge (CCH-9) Bangalore. The suit is for partition, pertains to number of immovable properties, the following properties are item No.59,60,61 and 62. 1) Dry land measuring 23 guntas in survey No.106 (8) situated at Rachenahalli Village, Krishnaraipuram Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk bounded on, East by land of Bathula Begum and Nusrath Pasha, West by land purchased by Smt. Bathula Begum and Shri. Nusrath Pasha, North by-land in S.No.106/7 belonging to Bathula Begum and Nusrath Pasha, South by-Erappa's land, acquired under the sale deed, dated 8/5/1986 registered as document No.563-86-87, in Book-I, volume 2431 in pages 60-68, in the office of the sub-registrar, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore.

2) Dry land measuring 16 guntas in survey No.106/9 situated at Rachenahalli Village, Krishnaraipuram Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk bounded on, east by-Munivenkatappa's land, west by-Venkatappa's land and lands of Kanyamma, Munivenkatappa and Narayanappa, North by-Thirumalaiah's land, South by-Government Road, Acquired under the sale deed dated 8/5/1986, registered as document No.564-86-87 in Book-I, volume 2433 in pages 79-88, in the office of the sub-registrar, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore.

AND

4) Dry land measuring 12 guntas in survey No.106/7, situated at Rachenahalli Village, Krishnaraipuram Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk bounded on, East by-Munivenkatappa's land, west by-Venkatappa's land and lands of Kanyamma, Munivenkatappa and Narayanappa, North by-Munivenkatappa and Kudurappa's land and South by-Government Road.

My clients who are the plaintiffs originally, they were 13 in number and owing to death of few of the plaintiffs their legal heirs are brought as such now altogether there are altogether 22 plaintiffs. By the above suit they have claimed around 50% right, title, and interest in the above properties and the matter is sub judice and pending adjudication. It has come to the plaintiffs attention that Defendant No. 12, Mr. Nusrath Pasha, is attempting to sell the aforementioned properties to prospective buyers may be by suppressing the pendency of the case.

My clients by notice warn the general public that as Mr. Nusrath Pasha and his wife Mrs. Bathula Begum does not possess absolute ownership over the said properties, he cannot sell or transfer the plaintiffs share or interest in the above properties, any such sale shall be illegal, invalid, and not binding on the plaintiffs. Prospective purchasers are called upon not to enter into any transaction involving the above properties until final adjudication of the suit. Any purchase made shall be at the buyer's own risk and cost. For Further Information, please contact:

Advocate Mohammed Usman Shaikh, at his Office Address: 1st floor, in property having No. 2995, MKK Road, 2nd Main, 'C' Block, Gayatri Nagar, Bangalore, on all working days between 5:30 PM and 7:30 PM

S. E. RAILWAY CANCELLATION

Tender Notice No. : SRC-B-ToiletR-DT-07.11.25, notice for publication in newspapers for the work of 'Annual Maintenance and Operation Contract (AMOC) of Bio Toilets (DRDE Type) in Coaches of Coaching Depot, Santragachi & Padmapukur for a period of three years', has been published earlier. Due to unavoidable circumstances, the aforesaid tender is hereby cancelled till further notice. Inconvenience caused is regretted.

(PR-824/C)

CORRIGENDUM AGAINST E-TENDER NOTICE NO. EL/29/RT26_2025/K/854 DATED: 18-10-2025

Due to technical reason, corrigendum has been issued of above tender and the tender closing date & time has been extended from 10-11-2025 on 15.00 hrs. to 14-11-2025 on 15.00 hrs. Details are as follows:

SN.	Tender No.	Name of work	Remarks of corrigendum
1	RT26_2025	Upgradation of Sport Facilities at New Jalpaiguri Railway Stadium Complex	Tender closing date & time has been extended to 14-11-2025 on 15.00 hrs.

All other terms & conditions are remain unchanged.
Sr. DEE/G & Chg, Katihar

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e-Auction for SLR Parcel Van over Ranchi Division

No. : C/RNC/e-auction/2025 Dated : 11.11.2025

Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, S.E. Railway, Ranchi for and on behalf of the President of India invites e-Auction over Ranchi Division. The catalogue has already been published on IREPS website. The details are as under : **Category** : Parcel. **Catalogue No. : RNC/PARCEL25-3. Assets details:** e-Auction for 41 Nos. of assets for leasing of SLR compartment by 33 numbers of Passenger/Mail Express trains originating from Ranchi Division. **Auction start :** 15.11.2025 at 10.00 hrs. **Auction closed date :** 15.11.2025 at 17.10 hrs. **Note:** Prospective bidders are requested to visit e-Auction leasing module on IREPS website (www.ireps.gov.in). The Lotwise details are available there under the above mentioned catalogue.

(PR-826) Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Ranchi

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Advertisement No. TKDL/02/2025 (Revised)

Applications are invited from qualified candidates to work in projects "Digitization of Indian Traditional Practices on Minerals, Metals, Materials and Allied Areas" (HCP522403) and "Digitization of Traditional Agricultural Practices of India" (HCP522401) on purely temporary basis. Details of Position(s), Domain area(s) and Number of position(s) are given below:

S. No.	Project Code	Position (s)	Domain Area	No. of position(s)
1.	HCP522403	Project Associate-I	Material Science	1
2.	HCP522403	Project Associate-I	Sanskrit	1
3.	HCP522401	Project Associate-I	Agriculture	1
4.	HCP522401	Senior Project Associate	Sanskrit	1

The detailed advertisement is available on CSIR website: www.csir.res.in.

Last date for receipt of applications SI. No. 1-3: 19th November 2025
Last date for receipt of applications SI. No. 4: 28th November 2025

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Deputy Secretary
CSIR-TKDL Unit

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
(CONSTRUCTION ORGANISATION)
E-TENDER

Tender Notice No. 35-CECNMS-2025-E-602603 DATED 05-11-2025
Tender Notice No. 36-CECNMS-2025-E-602843 DATED 05-11-2025

For and on behalf of The President of India, The Chief Engineer, Construction, Southern Railway, Egmore, Chennai 600 008 invites e-tender for the following work (s) as per Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) in our portal www.ireps.gov.in. The tenders / Contractors intending to apply for the tender needs to get enrolled in the portal www.ireps.gov.in and only online tenders will be accepted.

NAME OF THE WORK

Proposed construction of Covered shed for Automated Storage retrieval System (ASRS) near CLP/GOC

Proposed Construction of Limited Use Subway of size 1x6.2m x 4.5m+1x4.5m+4.5m (skew 45 degree) in lieu of LC No.10 at Km.9/1-3 using temporary girder)

Cash Value (Rupees)	Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees)	Period of Completion (Months)	Closing Date @ 15.30 Hrs
7,79,53,625.45	5,39,800.00	9	27-11-2025
4,28,75,527.45	3,64,400.00	12	27-11-2025

For further details, please refer to web site portal www.ireps.gov.in or contact Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, Construction, E.V.R. High Road, Egmore, Chennai- 600 008.

for Chief Engineer (Construction), Egmore, Chennai-600008.

Kerala Vande
Bharat: Timings
of other trains
changed

BENGALURU, DHNS: The introduction of the KSR Bengaluru-Ernakulam-KSR Bengaluru Vande Bharat Express (train numbers 26651/26652) has necessitated changes in the timings of several trains within the city, said the South Western Railway (SWR).

Train number 16521 Bangarpet-KSR Bengaluru MEMU will leave Bangarpet at 9.30 pm instead of 9.40 pm and arrive at KSR Bengaluru at 11.45 pm instead of 11.20 pm. Its arrival/departure timings have also been revised at Whitefield, KR Puram, Bengaluru East and Bengaluru Cantonment.

With effect from November 13, the timings of train numbers 20680 and 22697 (Hubballi-Chennai Central Weekly Superfast Express) have been changed at SMVT Bengaluru, KR Puram, Whitefield and other stations.

Starting November 15, the arrival/departure timings of train number 22136 Renigunta-Mysuru Weekly Superfast Express are: Bengaluru Cantonment 10.28 pm/10.30 pm and KSR Bengaluru 10.55 pm/11 pm.

SC order sparks
drive to relocate
stray dogs

BENGALURU, DHNS: Following the Supreme Court's direction to shift stray dogs from public places, commissioners of various city corporations have instructed officials to begin implementing the order.

Bengaluru Central City Corporation Commissioner Rajendra Cholan has directed officials to collect comprehensive data on street dogs, including their number, location, and health status within the central limits. He has asked for priority data from school and college premises, hospitals, government offices, railway stations, and playgrounds.

Bengaluru West City Corporation Commissioner Dr K V Rajendra instructed officials to step up sterilisation of street dogs and ensure compliance with Animal Welfare Board of India standards and Supreme Court guidelines.

Bengaluru South City Corporation Commissioner KN Ramesh also directed the officials to collect information on the stray dogs in public places and to identify a location to shift them. "The commissioner has instructed officials to prepare a roadmap for smooth and effective implementation of the court's directions, from estimating the number of dogs to be shifted, identifying shelters, finding NGOs to catch and maintain them, and budgeting for infrastructure, vaccination, and care," a statement read.

Three RDPR
employees land
in Lokayukta net
in Tiptur

TUMAKURU, DHNS: Lokayukta on Tuesday caught two engineers and a computer operator working at the Tiptur sub-division office of the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department while the trio was receiving a bribe from a contractor.

The trio had reportedly sought a bribe from the contractor for clearing the bill for work that the latter had completed. Assistant Executive Engineer B C Swami, Assistant Engineer Suhas and Harish, the computer operator, were caught while accepting a bribe of Rs 34,500 near the government guesthouse in Tiptur.

SSunil, a contractor, had sought clearance of his Rs 6.40 lakh bill towards construction of a school building. The two engineers and the computer operator allegedly demanded a bribe of Rs 34,500 to clear the contractor's bill.

Kempegowda Layout: BDA sets
March 2026 deadline

Says close to 76% of works
on 2,800 acres complete

BENGALURU, DHNS

The Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) has said that close to 76% of the works across 2,800 acres of land at the Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout has been completed and all the remaining works would be completed by March 2026.

In a public notice addressing the site allottees of the Kempegowda Layout, BDA assured that work at the remaining 1,064 acres in the layout will also be completed within October 2026.

"The remaining development work, approximately 1,064 acres, is under litigation and will be done as and when BDA gets possession, with completion intended by October 2026. The Major Arterial Road (MAR) is intended to be completed by January 2026," the public notice read.

Further, the BDA also said that the authority holds a weekly progress review meeting every Wednesday at 3 PM



The Bangalore Development Authority has said that it holds a weekly progress review meeting every Wednesday. DH FILE PHOTO

in the Board Room regarding the work at Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout and urged the site allottees to attend them.

"Interested site allottees can attend these meetings to learn about the development work by registering via the BDA helpline number 9483166622," the notice said.

That apart, the allottees can also participate in the West Zone Open House Meeting, which is held at the BDA Head Office on the fourth Thursday of every month.

However, taking a dig at a few site allottees association

which have been fighting for faster completion of works at the layout, BDA said that it does not recognise any such groups or organisations.

"It has come to the notice of the BDA that some associations or organisations formed by a few allottees in Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout are trying to use the BDA's name in membership drives. BDA clarifies that it does not recognise any group or association or organisation claiming to represent BDA or its layouts," the notice warned.

BDA urged the citizens to rely only on official BDA communication channels and to contact the BDA Helpline (9483166622) for any clarifications or grievances. BDA said that the grievances will be resolved within 30 days.

CM inaugurates
Kala Loka at KIA T2

Now, explore unique
products at airport

BENGALURU, DHNS

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah inaugurated the Kala Loka store, set up by the Department of Commerce and Industries, at Terminal 2 of the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) on Tuesday.

To showcase the treasures of Karnataka, the initiative brings together some of the state's most iconic industries and GI-tagged products.

The chief minister inaugurated the store by painting a symbolic artwork and ringing a ceremonial bell.

"This is a moment of joy on the industrial map of Karnataka. The Kempegowda International Airport ranks third in the country in terms of passenger traffic, with tens of thousands of travellers arriving every day. The Kala Loka store has been established to give visitors an immediate glimpse of Karnataka's pride and cultural essence upon arrival," he said, speaking after the inauguration.

About 45 GI-certified products from Karnataka will be showcased and sold at the store, said Minister for Large and Me-

dium Industries M B Patil.

"It will feature Karnataka's traditional products such as Mysore sandal soap, sandalwood oil, incense sticks, Mysore silk, Channapatna toys, LID-KAR leather goods, aromatic coffee powders and beverages, handloom products, Ilkal sarees, Lambani garments, sandalwood artefacts, Bidriware and Mysore-style paintings," he noted.

Patil added that the objective of establishing this store was to introduce Karnataka's traditional, geographically distinctive products to global audiences, with prospects in mind.

The airport authorities have allotted 132 square metres of space in the domestic bay of Terminal 2 for the store. A similar outlet will soon be opened in the international departure area of the same terminal, covering 140 square metres.

Ministers K J George, K H Muniyappa, Sharanabasappa Darshanapur, and Priyank Kharang were present on the occasion, along with Principal Secretary of the Industries Department Selvakumar S, Commissioner Gunjan Krishna, KSDL Chairman CS Nadagouda, Textile Commissioner Jyothi K, Bengaluru Rural Deputy Commissioner A P Basavaraju and other senior officials.



Chief Minister Siddaramaiah at the Kala Loka store at the Kempegowda International Airport on Tuesday. Industries Minister M B Patil is seen. PHOTO: CMO

Online tool helps B'lureans identify
local offices, service jurisdictions

Free platform 'Civic
Compass' to be
launched tomorrow

ASRA MAVAD
BENGALURU, DHNS

Ever struggled to fill a government form, unsure which hobli or village your home falls under? Or tried locating your nearest BWSSB service station?

A new online tool now makes it easier.

Called 'Civic Compass', the free platform provides details of local offices and department jurisdictions. Users simply enter their address to get comprehensive information.

For instance, entering an apartment's address in RT Nagar shows it falls under the Bengaluru North City Corporation, North Zone 2, and Jaya Chamarajendra Nagar (JC Nagar) ward. The

tool also lists the erstwhile BBMP zone and ward, BDA layout name and number, revenue classification, revenue office address, Bescom division and office, BWSSB division and service station, and nearby law and order and traffic police stations.

Developed by Zen Citizen, a volunteer-based organisation that helps citizens navigate bureaucracy and challenge petty corruption, the tool aims to make civic information easily accessible.

Founder Vineeta K said the idea came from a Reddit post.

"Someone asked, 'What's the DRO for Koramangala?' This information was required to get an Encumbrance Certificate for an e-khata transfer. At first, it felt like a lazy question; surely this should be easy to Google? But to our bewilderment, it wasn't.

"Bangalore Urban is split into five District Registrar Offices (DROs) by the De-

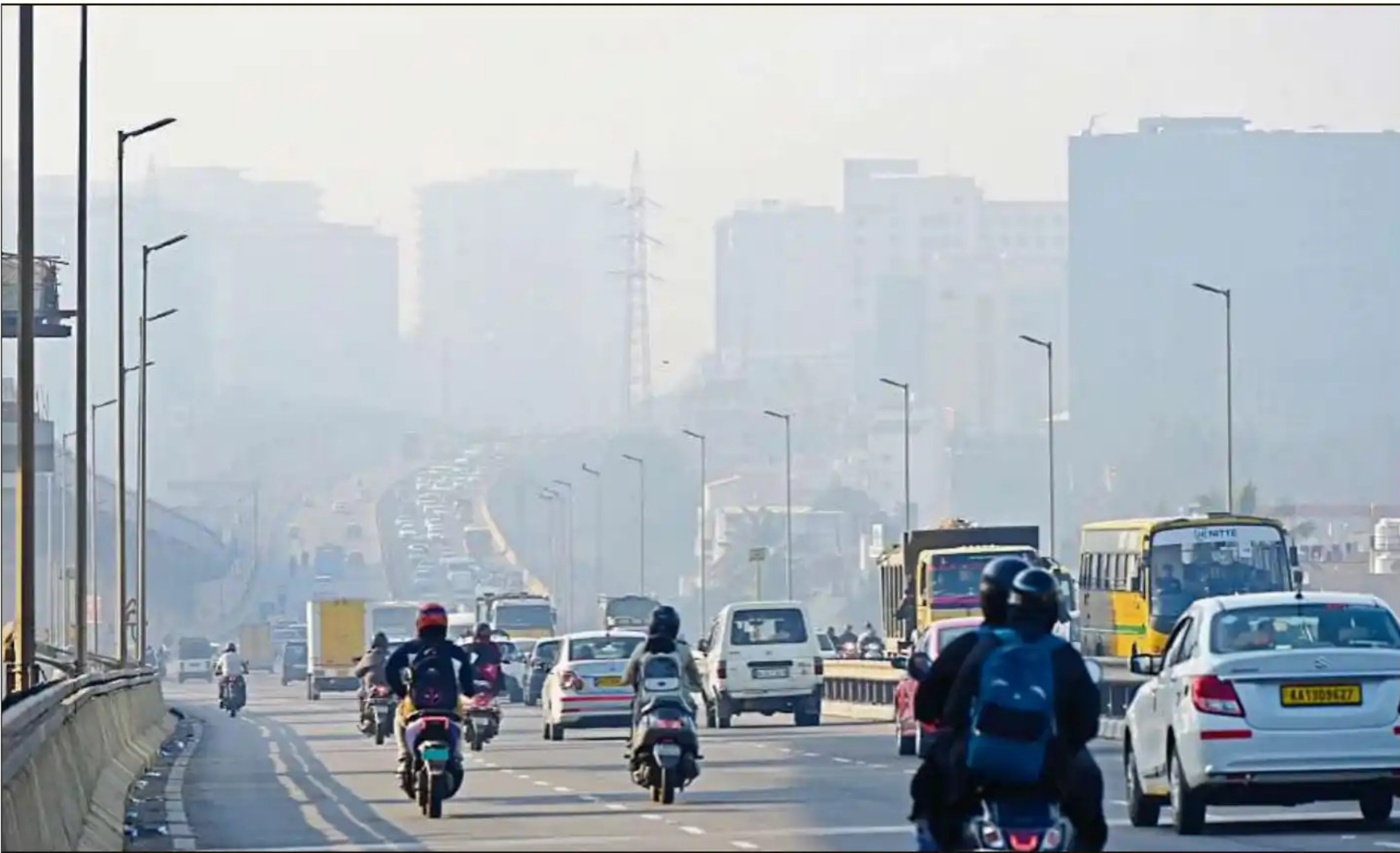
partment of Stamps and Registration, but there's no way to figure out which one applies to you. To our horror, we also found there was no single place that helped citizens identify the jurisdiction for their area for essential services such as municipal services, electricity, water, and police. So, we decided to build one," she said.

Getting accurate data from government departments was the toughest part, she added. The team filed multiple RTIs to gather information from agencies such as the BBMP and Bescom.

Data sources for the tool include OpenCity, Karnataka-GIS, and OpenStreetMap. The team has open-sourced the tool's code and shared an RTI application template to help make it easily adaptable for use in other cities.

Civic Compass will officially launch on November 13 and can be accessed at civic-compass.zencitizen.in.

WINTER IS HERE



Vehicles move through thick fog on a chilly morning, on the flyover near Yelahanka in Bengaluru on Tuesday. DH PHOTO/B K JANARDHAN

Navigation apps turn nightmare
for residents of inner streets

ASHWIN B M
BENGALURU, DHNS

Navigation apps like Google Maps and Waze have made quiet residential areas congested, frustrating residents.

Locals say the apps ignore road width, parking, and pedestrians.

In Malleswaram, resident Rohini S described how short-cut traffic changed her street. "It's impossible to step out during peak hours. The constant honking and dust are unbearable," she said.

These apps, built to optimise routes, often send traffic onto small inner roads, disregarding their capacity and infrastructure. "We aren't against technology, but we need a balance between convenience and quality of life," Rohini said.

Rohit Kumar, a software engineer, suggests linking navigation apps to city traffic systems. "It's a solvable problem.



Route-optimising apps often divert traffic onto narrow inner roads, ignoring their limited capacity. DH FILE PHOTO

We just need collaboration and willingness to adapt". He proposes API integration so city systems can send real-time data and diversion orders to apps, influencing routes.

Arun, a shop owner near Bovipalya in Mahalakshmi Layout, said the apps save five minutes for outsiders, but are a headache for locals. "During peak hours, it takes me 20 minutes just to get out of our narrow locality road."

A senior traffic police officer told DH, "Navigation apps are useful, but they don't reflect on-the-ground conditions. We need real-time integration with city traffic signals to prevent congestion."

The officer also said talks with navigation app officials took place a month ago to integrate the BTP's Astram app for real-time updates, which he believes will be implemented soon.



Police and dog squad conduct search in Bengaluru, amid high alert on Tuesday. DH PHOTO/B K JANARDHAN

Delhi blast: B'luru on high alert,
stay calm, top cop urges public

BENGALURU, DHNS: Following the blast in Delhi that claimed at least a dozen lives, Bengaluru Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh has urged residents not to panic.

"In view of the Delhi incident, there is a sense of high alert in the entire state. As a part of that, Bengaluru city police are also geared up. All senior officers are monitoring the situation closely and have physically visited the areas with major footfall," Singh said, adding that the heightened vigilance will continue for a few more days.

He urged the public to be calm and cooperate with the police. Officials said security has been tightened at all major public places and critical infrastructure locations, including railway stations, bus terminals, the airport, metro stations, shopping malls, business hubs, and other vital institutions.

"To enhance security, barricades have been installed across key roads and vehicle checks are being conducted. Additional teams have been deployed to identify and verify suspicious persons or activities," the city police said.

'AASARE' launched
to seek families for
abandoned children

Month-long
adoption awareness
initiative features
workshops

BENGALURU, DHNS

The District Child Protection Unit (DCPU), Bengaluru East, in association with Shishu Mandir, launched its month-long adoption awareness initiative—AASARE (Adoption Assistance and Support for Abandoned, Surrendered, and Orphan Children Responsibly and Ethically)—on Tuesday.

AASARE aims to ensure that every eligible child is matched with a permanent family by leveraging Mission Vatsalya's transparent adoption procedures. The specific objectives of the campaign are to promote legal adoption, increase public understanding of the adoption process—especially for children with special needs—and strengthen child safety through informed

community participation.

Speaking at the event, Hal-eema, Project Director of the Directorate of Child Protection, Bengaluru, stressed the legal responsibility for child safety.

She stated, "Every child deserves love, care, and a safe start to life. Abandoning an infant not only endangers an innocent life, but is also a serious offence under the law. We urge parents and citizens: if you are unable to care for a child or find an abandoned baby, please contact the nearest Child Protection Unit or call the 1098 helpline. Together, we can ensure every child is protected and cherished."

The month-long AASARE campaign will feature various community outreach programmes, workshops, and information sessions designed to empower citizens to become community champions for adoption and child welfare.

Helplines
If you find or become aware of any abandoned child, contact Child Helpline 1098 or Emergency Helpline 112 for immediate assistance.

Arrive early at airport: KIA

► BENGALURU, DHNS: The Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) released a passenger advisory on Tuesday, urging passengers to plan their travel and arrive early, due to enhanced security measures at airports across the country. "Passengers

are encouraged to arrive early to allow sufficient time for travel formalities. For flight-related information, please stay in touch with your respective airline," read the advisory, which came a day after the deadly car explosion near the Red Fort in Delhi.

DSS lashes out at
'Chaturvarna mindset' of RSS

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Federation of Dalit Sangharsh Samitis on Tuesday held a conference condemning "anti-democratic" RSS.

The federation condemned the RSS for criticising the Indian Constitution when it was enforced on January 26, 1950, and accused it of basing its belief in the Chaturvarna system propounded by the Manusmriti.

"The RSS uses the slogan 'all Hindus are one' for namesake but has never protested against the killing of Dalits, farmer suicides, exploitation of labourers and atrocities against women.

"The RSS and its political progeny BJP injected 'Muslim hatred' amongst poor children from Dalit, Adivasi and OBC communities, made them their foot soldiers to ensure that power remains with upper-class and upper-castes who believe in the greatness of Brahmins," a note by the federation said.

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Date: 12.11.2025

TENDER NOTICE FOR PHARMACY OUTSOURCING SERVICES

The organization invites tender sealed in two covers from qualified and experienced service providers for **Pharmacy Outsourcing Services**. The selected vendor will be responsible for the complete management of pharmacy operations, including procurement, storage, dispensing, staffing, and regulatory compliance.

Location of Work: Basaveshwara Medical College and Hospital, N.H. 48, Bypass road, K.H.B Colony, Chitradurga- 577501.

Pre-Bid Meeting Date: 26.11.2025 at 11:30 AM.

Last Date for Submission of Bids: 29.11.2025

Opening of Bids: 04.12.2025 at 11:00AM. Place: PRESIDENT ROOM, Basaveshwara Medical College & Hospital, Near KHB Colony, NH 48 Bypass, Chitradurga- 577501.

Bid Submission Details: Bids must be submitted for the tender in two separate envelopes marked as follows. (1) **Technical bid** & (2) **Financial bid**. Both envelopes to be placed in a separate envelope & marked as for "Tender for Pharmacy Outsourcing Services", with the bidder's details. All tenders should be addressed to: Medical Superintendent, Basaveshwara Medical College & Hospital, Chitradurga.

Terms & conditions:

- (1) Bidder's should have experience of running pharmacies in at least 2 medical colleges as on date of notification.
- (2) Annual turnover of S.J.M Pharmacy : approximately Rs.18 Crore.
- (3) Exit clause is 6 months notice with no pending financial obligations at the time of exit from either side.
- (4) All taxes to be paid in time and any pending payment received subsequently for the outsource period is to be fulfilled by successful bidder and same is not to be passed on to BMCH.
- (5) Caution deposit is Rs. 2 Crore.
- (6) Earnest money deposit (EMD): 7,50,000/- (Returned within 15 days for unsuccessful bidders).
- (7) Bid is w.r.t. net profit and gross profit sharing with highest profit provider to hospital will be declared as successful bidder. Bidder must quote net profit & gross profit separately.
- (8) Existing software is to be used to link for all financial transactions i.e. for all purchases & sales.
- (9) All medicines for government scheme patients and free patients to be billed at 1% profit margin.
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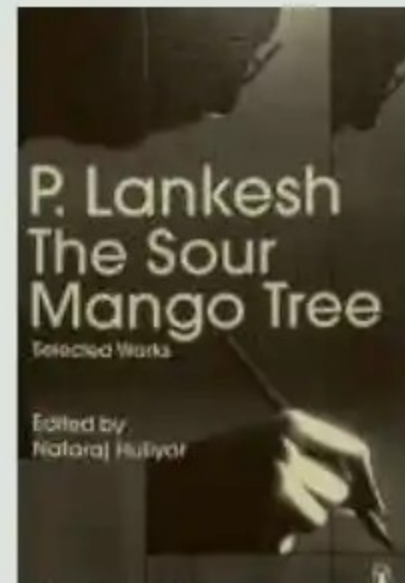
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Rajyotsava month: Six translation recommendations

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Breaking Ties by Sara Aboobacker

The novel 'Chandragiri Theeradalli' ('On the Banks of Chandragiri'), translated by Vanamala Vishwanatha, follows the lives of Muslim women and their struggle for independence from the patriarchal Muslim society. Sara's novels largely focus on Muslim women living in Kasaragod.



The Sour Mango Tree by P Lankesh

Translated by multiple authors, it features a collection of selected works from 'Hulimavina Mara', the memoir of prominent journalist, poet and author P Lankesh. It was published as a homage 25 years after the death of the editor of *Lankesh Patrike*, known for his fearless journalism.

Government Brahmana by Aravind Malagatti

The autobiography follows the Dalit

author's childhood and youth, which depict the still-existing normative caste discrimination followed by Hindu society. It looks at how they must cut their own hair and consume dead-animal meat. The painful and thought-provoking memoir is translated by Dharani Devi Malagatti, Janet Vucinich and N Subramanya.



Mohanswamy by Vasudhendra

The author came out of the closet with this book. It follows the titular

character's journey as he dreams of a dignified life — after he loses his long-time partner to a woman. Translated by Rashmi Terdel, the book explores sexuality in an urban setup.

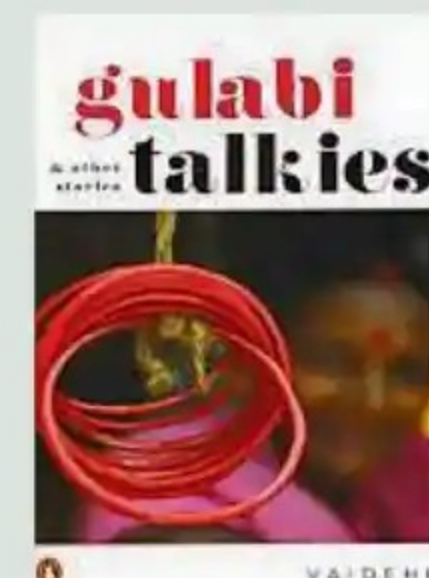
No Presents Please: Mumbai Stories by Jayanth Kaikini

A collection of 16 short stories about the struggles of small town migrants in a big city, as observed by the author — who worked as a copywriter for advertising agencies in Mumbai for 23 years.

Translated by Tejaswini Niranjana, Kaikini's book is known for its empathetic gaze of the city.

Gulabi Talkies and Other Stories by Vaidehi

Translated by multiple authors, it is a collection of 20 short stories written during the '80s and '90s. They follow the lives of rural women of south India. The title story, 'Gulaabi Talkies' has been adapted into a movie by auteur Girish Kasaravalli.



Gangsta rap

Videos show Parappanna Aghara inmates enjoying the good life. A convict is watching Telugu hits on TV. Some inmates are dancing. The opposition is describing the jail as Parappanna resort. But, 'parappappa parappappa' sounds like a breezy Latin number on the trumpet. Who can blame them if they start doing a salsa? Okay, it looks a bit like lungi dance, but stop being a snob.

Mementoes, trophies a big headache in waste recycling

Experts say articles made of mixed materials are hard to segregate and a large proportion ends up in landfills

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As Bengaluru continues to grapple with severe garbage problems, certain categories of dry waste are adding to the woes of solid waste management organisations. Articles like mementoes, trophies and awards — made of mixed materials — are hard to recycle or reuse. Often, they end up in landfills, solid waste management experts say.

When HSR Citizen Forum held a collection drive for religious idols and framed religious prints, they were flooded with mementoes and trophies that people had no use for anymore. The 'Udvasana' was held in March and July, designed to give unused religious prints and idols a respectful farewell with a puja.

"I think we received at least 50 trophies and mementoes," says Srilakshmi, a volunteer. Some of them were very large, she adds.

A majority of them were made from mixed materials — wood, plastic,



HSR Citizen Forum held a collection drive in March and July for unused framed religious prints and idols. They also received over 50 mementoes and trophies.



glass and copper. "This makes it very challenging to segregate," she shares. To segregate them, they had to invest in equipment to dismantle and separate the components based on the material. It took about two weeks for the team to complete the process. "It is a labour-intensive process," she notes.

Some of the trophies that were collected were treated with Pitambari powder and donated to government schools.

Saahas Zero Waste, a solid waste management company, receives a

considerable amount of such 'episodic waste' from educational institutions and resident welfare associations. Though it only makes up less than 5% of the waste they receive per month, it is challenging to deal with, says Shobha Raghavan, CEO. "We store them in our facility for months, and finally segregate them based on the base material — wood, plastic, glass, metal etc," she explains.

In the absence of equipment to dismantle them, the non-recyclable waste is sent to co-processing units. These units

are typically located in cement factories. "The government has mandated that cement factories use at least 5% of municipal solid waste to generate energy," Shobha points out.

Additionally, this waste should have a calorific value of 3,000 to 5,000 kcal/kg. "If the waste does not meet this requirement, the units do not accept it," she shares. These non-recyclable items also comprise articles such as contaminated clothes, contaminated plastic and zippers.

Hasiru Dala, which works to empower waste pickers, receives less than 500 kg of unrecyclable waste a month. It is collected by their waste picker network from 37 wards and sorted in their solid waste management centres located at these wards.

Non-recyclable dry waste forms about 60% of the waste collected, and of that, wooden mementoes and photo frames form about 5%. Typically, photo frames are made of wood or thermocol. Some of them are sent to the second-hand market. Dismantled objects are collected by vendors and some are sent to waste-to-energy plants, says Chinniah, manager of the Hasiru Dala dry waste collection centre.

Srilakshmi points out that often such waste ends up in landfills. "They do not disintegrate, so people need to be more mindful of buying them," she states. Instead, she advises, giving out plants, sweets or fruits as gifts.

Poetry, dance and karaoke at Namma Pride

Namma Pride 2025 kicked off on November 1. A host of events are being held, leading up to the annual Pride March on December 7.

The month-long series will have activities such as 'Queer Karaoke' on November 14, 'Pride Board Games' on November 15, and a badminton tournament and pole dancing workshop on November 16. November 20 will mark the Transgender Day of Remembrance, "a solemn day to honour those we've lost from the transgender community," says Ayaan Syed, core member of Namma Pride.

Some of the highlights of the month-long celebrations include a 'Diversity Fair' on November 22, which will feature a flea market, and dance and poetry performances.

The 'Drag Darbaar: All Queens Assemble' on November 30 "will include a party and fashion walk featuring drag queens and kings", he adds.

A pre-Pride fundraiser party will be held on December 6, followed by the 'Pride Walk' from Kanteerava Stadium to Town Hall on December 7.

"A few of the events add fresh experiences this year — such as the karaoke, board games, aerial hoop workshop, and 'Drag Darbaar,'" Ayaan explains, adding that nine of the events are fundraisers.

He adds that this year's 'demands meeting' held on November 1 brought together representatives from 27 Karnataka districts and discussed "working towards holding Pride marches across the state."

Event timings and venues will be posted on Namma Pride's social media. For details, check @nammapride on Instagram.



Last year's Namma Pride March saw close to 5,000 participants.

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'Neglect of pet dogs common'

Activists say such abuse often stems from anger and frustration

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The CCTV footage of a domestic worker swinging a Chihuahua to death in an apartment lift has brought the spotlight back on animal cruelty. While such extreme cases are rare, animal rights activists say such abuse often stems from anger and frustration.

Pushpalatha allegedly killed Goofy, one of two Chihuahuas she was employed to look after by Bellahalli resident Rashika. On October 31, she thrashed Goofy against the lift floor after taking it for a walk. After reviewing the CCTV footage, Rashika filed a complaint at the Bagalur police station. "We will submit the chargesheet at the court next week," a police official told *Metrolife*.

Other cases

Sandhya Madappa, trustee of Second Chance Sanctuary, recalls cases where spouses, amid marital disputes, attacked their partner's pets. She also spoke of dogs neglected due to financial stress.

The sanctuary handled over 350 cruelty cases in 2024. This year, the number



A screengrab from the CCTV footage of the domestic worker with the dog a few seconds before the alleged assault.

stands at 200 so far. "Around 40% involve pet dogs, another 40% breeder dogs, and 20% strays," says Sandhya.

Common cases of cruelty by pet owners include tying dogs on short leashes or confining them to terraces without shade or water. Breeder dogs are often "kept in dark, filthy spaces, fed just enough to survive, and dumped once sick".

"Some cases are resolved through counselling, but in serious ones, we confiscate the animals. Last year alone, we rescued about 30 dogs — including one locked inside a car for months," says Sandhya.

Low convictions

While convictions in many complaints are still pending, a few have led to

key legal outcomes. In a 2023 case, a street dog found hanged led to the accused being fined Rs 10,000 and sentenced to a month in prison, recalls advocate Alwyn Sebastian, who works with the CUPA-supported animal cruelty cell.

A Karnataka high court ruling from a few years ago stated that "an accused person cannot retain custody of an abused animal during an investigation". "We have relied on that order in several cases to confiscate abused dogs and place them under NGO care," says Sebastian. The cell received nearly 200 cruelty-related complaints this year.

Animal welfare warden Aniruddha Ravindra handled about 650 cruelty-related calls in 2024 and over 300 this year. He categorises cruelty as either active or passive. "Of the cases handled, 60% involved illegal relocation of strays by residents or associations, and 20% neglect of pets," he says.

Slower justice

Animal cruelty cases are usually filed under Section 11 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, and Section 325 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), says Sebastian. But enforcement remains weak. "Unless BNS 325 is invoked, police often file only a non-cognisable report, which carries little weight," he says.

Canada visa hurdles nudge students towards Aus, Europe

A diplomatic row and job uncertainty are the main reasons, experts say

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Some overseas education consultants in Bengaluru have not received a single university application for Canada this year nor are they promoting it as a study destination. They say visa rejections have surged and processing times have become longer since diplomatic tensions flared in 2023. According to a report, about 74% of Indian applicants for Canadian study permits were rejected this August, up from 32% in August 2023. This follows a crackdown on fraudulent acceptance letters that began in 2023, when most originated from India.

However, consultants say they have not come across such cases from Bengaluru and say the problem is largely confined to Punjab and Hyderabad. Some universities in countries like the UK and New Zealand, have even barred applications from Punjab, says Uma Aswani of an education consultancy in Dollars Colony.

But "genuine students" who once looked to Canada for IT, engineering, healthcare, and management courses are feeling the heat of this heightened scrutiny, says Karthikeyan B S of Knowledge 2 Global Education, Shivajinagar. "Study permit approvals have dropped from 60-70% before 2022 to 20-30% in 2023," says the head of application and visa services.

Experts say Canada, long favoured for its attractive post-study work options and ease of obtaining permanent residence (PR) status, is now losing Bengaluru students to Australia, New Zealand, and Europe.

Added job woes

Binita Parekh, who runs a consultancy on Dickenson Road, has not received a single Canadian application since August 2024. She blames it on "an unstable political climate, emphasis on local hiring, and growing hostility towards foreigners".

At Study Next Overseas in Jayanagar, visa rejections went up from a dozen in 2024 to over 20 this year despite students writing "perfect SOPs", says director Rakesh S Malagiti. "We were given just one line for rejection: 'We don't believe these students will come back to India'," he recalls. Though the



University of Toronto is sought after by Bengalureans for its science and technology programmes.

firm stopped recommending Canada in 2024, enquiries still come from students with relatives there.

A rejected applicant typically loses CAD 235 (approx Rs 14,800) in visa and biometric fees. Karthikeyan adds that visa processing, which typically takes 15 to 30 days, can now stretch up to six months in select cases. Sushma R B, of Overseas Education Solutions in Banashankari, explains why this is particularly troubling. "Canada asks for upfront payment of one-year tuition along with visa fees. Though refundable, long delays keep that money stuck and affect students' ability to apply elsewhere," she explains.

The reports of a job crunch in Canada are also rife online. Uma says one of her applicants moved from Canada to the UK after failing to find a job relevant to her area of study.

However, Ganga Dandapani, COO of Canam Consultants, a pan-India business which has an office on MG Road, has seen visa success rates improve over the past six months, "among students choosing the right programmes". She feels the Canadian government's new stance is one of "course correction". "Post-pandemic, visa approval rates shot up to 90%. Students started enrolling in short courses that did not make them job-ready. Canada realised that a large influx of students coupled with increased job competition was not sustainable. It is now focusing on admitting quality students while also promoting programmes that match their labour market requirements (in agriculture, education, healthcare, transport, and trade)," she adds.

EVENTS

Talk on Cinema

Film critic M K Raghavendra will talk about Indian cinema in 'Interpreting Popular Cinema', on Nov 16, 6 pm at the Indian Heritage Academy, Koramangala. Entry free.

Folk songs

Pattalamma Janapada Kala Sangha and G K Kala Vedika will perform 'Shobane Pada' on Nov 13, 6.30 pm at Bangalore International Centre. RSVP on bangaloreinternationalcentre.org

Musical fundraiser

Offbeat 2025, a musical fundraiser featuring singers like Shruti Bhide and Govind Kurnool will be held on Nov 15, 6 pm at Chowdiah Memorial Hall, Malleswaram. Tickets online.

Young B'luru naturalist draws praise for debut book

Ishan Shanavas will talk about his adventures at an event today

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Twenty-two-year-old Ishan Shanavas, whose debut book has drawn praise from politician Shashi Tharoor and ecologist Harini Nagendra, will talk about his wildlife adventures at the Bangalore International Centre in Domlur today.

In May this year, the young naturalist from Bengaluru published a book documenting his encounters with wildlife between the ages of 14 and 21. It is titled 'The Light of Wilder Things'. Tharoor called it a "blazingly honest account" that "ushers us to turn toward nature



Ishan Shanavas, trekking through the Himalayas during his university break for research.

and learn from it". The book has since sold over 5,000 copies.

Following its success, Ishan launched 'EcoInspire', an initiative aimed at connecting children with nature. Over the past four months, he has visited 100 schools across 19 cities, reaching 26,500 students.

Ishan's earliest brush with nature began at home, when his mother asked him to count the squirrels and birds outside the window of their Indiranagar home. He identified the white-cheeked barbet by referring to encyclopaedias he had. He was five then, and it became his first documented encounter. But his turning point came at 14, when he spotted a tiger in Bandipur.

Soon after, Ishan joined Rishi Valley School in Andhra Pradesh. Nestled next to a jungle, the boarding school is recognised as a bird sanctuary. "The teachers introduced him to herpetology in a scientific way," his father, Shanavas,

told *Metrolife*.

In his first week at school, he spotted a thin brown snake — the bronzeback tree snake. Ishan recalls, "I began journaling every sighting and where each animal appeared, and mapping the campus." These journals later became the foundation of his book, which he has illustrated himself.

Ishan would go on to train at the Kalinga Centre for Rainforest Ecology in Agumbe, where he encountered a king cobra up close. He began work on his manuscript at 19 after joining Ashoka University in Sonapat, where he studied environmental studies, sociology and entrepreneurship. There, he also worked part-time as a Residential Assistant (RA) to fund his research

expeditions into the Himalayas, which was a seven-hour bus ride from his university.

His university, which he describes as a "featureless area filled with fields", turned out to be a revelation. He documented a variety of wildlife there, ranging from migrating birds to the nilgai, Asia's largest antelope.

Though his work often takes him into jungles and the Himalayas, Ishan remains deeply connected to the cause of local conservation. "There's so much wildlife in and around Bengaluru," he says.

'Initiated into the wild', on November 12, 6.30 pm, at Bangalore International Centre, Domlur. To RSVP, visit bangaloreinternationalcentre.org



The cover of Ishan's book.



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Reduction in caste survey remuneration riles enumerators

Promised Rs 100/household, now revised to Rs 50

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The state government's new decision, which introduced an additional condition for paying enumerators, has effectively reduced the caste survey fee from Rs 100 to Rs 50 per household, sparking widespread discontent among the enumerators.

The survey, aimed at gathering socio-economic data, was launched with great fanfare, but the reduced remuneration has left many surveyors feeling exploited.

The Karnataka State Backward Classes Commission had initially promised a remuneration of Rs 100 per household, with an additional lump sum of Rs 5,000 for each enumerator. However, a recent order dated November 6 has revised the payment structure, offering Rs 50 for households with one

or two members and Rs 100 for those with three or more members.

The commission has released Rs 127 crore for the payment fee of the enumerators.

Backward Classes Welfare Secretary Thulasi Maddineni clarified that when the enumeration started, the teacher enumerators, to complete the survey faster, covered one or two persons of the family. The family generally has three or more persons.

"Supposing an enumerator covers a household once and goes again to cover other members of the family, which would lead to two UHIDs for a single family, in that case, we will have to pay Rs 200 per household. So, to mitigate these errors, we have brought in the condition," she told *DH*.

The enumerators are up in arms over the decision, citing the arduous nature of their



The social and educational survey, aimed at gathering socio-economic data of the citizens, was launched with great fanfare, but the reduced remuneration has left many surveyors feeling exploited. DH FILE PHOTO

work and the distances they have to travel to cover their assigned areas.

"This is really unfair," said Sukanya, an enumerator who had to travel 60 km daily to survey her area.

"If they are going by this condition, they should also pay more, as some houses have more than five people. Would they pay us Rs 150 then?" she asked.

Another enumerator, Mohan, said that the reduced remuneration was not part of the initial order.

"We were not aware of any conditions during the training or at the beginning of the survey. It was fixed at Rs 100 per household, and now sud-

denly this condition has come up," he said.

"The time and professionalism required are identical whether the house has one person or five. We still have to visit, verify, and complete the complex work. This new condition feels insulting to our work," added Nalini B, an enumerator from Bengaluru North.

The Commission had estimated that each enumerator would cover around 150 households, earning a remuneration of Rs 20,000. However, with the revised payment structure, many enumerators fear they will be left with meagre earnings.

Survey: Online self-declaration now extended till Nov 30

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Karnataka State Commission for Backward Classes (KSCBC) has extended the online self-enumeration phase of the statewide Social and Educational survey till November 30.

As of Tuesday, 6.14 crore of the estimated 6.85 crore people in the state have been enumerated (89.63%) enumerated in the survey.

According to the KSCBC data, 5.52 crore people were enumerated across Karnataka (except GBA limits), 58.96 lakh in GBA, while 2.45 lakh persons had enumerated through online self-declaration.

Fourth extension for the survey

This is the fourth extension for the survey which began on September 22. Initially scheduled to end on October 7, the survey was first extended till October 19.

Later, it was extended till October 31. Even though the physical enumeration ended on October 31, the online self-enumeration was first extended till November 10.

Now, the deadline is deferred till November 30.

Those who want to participate can enumerate themselves through <https://ksbcselfdeclaration.karnataka.gov.in>

India's unity lies in folklore and indigenous cultures: Bilimale

BENGALURU, DHNS

India has been able to remain a country for a long time because there is no conflict between folklore and indigenous cultures in the Indian knowledge system, said Purushottam Bilimale, Chairperson of the Kannada Development Authority.

Speaking at a meeting with representatives of China's Fudan University at the Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Tuesday, Bilimale said that the source of unity in India is that that everyone living in this country have committed themselves to a common philosophy and at the same time have a mentality of respecting individual positions.

Even before the colonial system, there was communication between India and all the other countries of the Asian continent. India was influenced by the culture of China. Similarly, Bilimale said that Buddhism here attracted China very effectively, and although there are all opportunities for these two countries to become interde-

pendent after globalisation, some uncontrolled conflicts are preventing this. He said that this is an opportunity for India and China, which have the same type of culture of family, to think together.

Fudan University has a special relationship with the Indian education system through the establishment of the Center for Gandhian and Indian Studies. This collaboration aims to promote research on Indian culture, politics, and economics, and encourages academic exchanges between the two countries.

It is commendable that China's Fudan University, one of the best universities in the world, is playing its role in the Indian education system, said Bilimale, adding that such educational exchanges will play a major role in enhancing relations between India and China.

Professors from China's Fudan University, including Zhang Jiadong, Jian Jumbo, Guo Ding Ping, Wen Yao and others, were present at the meeting.



Farmers continue their protest demanding the government-fixed price for sugarcane in Haveri on Tuesday. DH PHOTO

Sugarcane farmers intensify protest in Haveri, Mudhol

HAVERI/MUDHOL (BAGALKOT DISTRICT), DHNS: The overnight protest in Haveri, demanding that the government ensure the officially fixed price per tonne of sugarcane, and the agitation in Mudhol, Bagalkot district, demanding Rs 3,500 per tonne of cane, continued for the second day on Tuesday.

"There are three sugar factories in the Haveri district. The factories are offering a rate of Rs 2,711 to Rs 2,740 per tonne, but we will not accept that. We will continue our sit-in protest until the price is fixed at Rs 3,300 per tonne," the farmers asserted.

Deputy Commissioner Vijay Mahantesh tried to pacify the farmers, but they refused to withdraw the protest.

"We will continue our protest until the farmers of

Haveri district are paid the same price as those in Belagavi," said Bhuvaneshwar Shidlapur, district president of the State Sugarcane Growers' Association.

In Mudhol, Kodihalli Chandrashekhara, president of the Hasiru Sene state unit, said that the protest will continue until the government fixes a scientific price for sugarcane. In 2013, the state government had announced a subsidy of Rs 350 per tonne. A similar decision should be taken now, he said.

Anand Nyamagouda, owner of Jamkhandi Sugars, said, "If farmers supply sugarcane to factories, we will begin crushing. If not, operations will remain shut. If farmers agree to supply cane, the district administration must provide security."

Amit Shah most unfit HM India has seen: Priyank

BENGALURU, DHNS: Panchayat Raj and IT/BT Minister Priyank Kharge on Tuesday demanded Union Home Minister Amit Shah's resignation, while calling him as "the most unfit" person to have ever held that portfolio in India.

Nine people were killed and 20 injured in a high-intensity explosion near the iconic Red Fort on Monday evening.

"Amit Shah is the most unfit home minister in India's history," Priyank, who is also a Karnataka government spokesperson, said. "How many more people should die before he resigns? In any other country, the home minister would have resigned by now," he added.

"We've seen Delhi, Manipur, Pulwama, Pahalgam... have we found any answers? How long before Shah resigns? Why is (PM) Modi so scared of Shah? Does he fear that Gujarat secrets will be out?" Priyank said, adding that thousands of people had died due to intelligence failure.

Priyank also criticised Shah for his claims during election speeches. "As home minister, he makes election speeches saying Bangladeshis are entering the country. Who is responsible for that? Is it the Opposition? They (BJP government) have no accountability," he added.

Flybus service to link Davangere with B'luru airport

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) is introducing a direct Flybus service from Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport to Davangere.

Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy will inaugurate the service at Terminal 2 on Wednesday. The KSRTC will also provide a complimentary light snack kit featuring Nandini products to passengers of all Flybus services.

The Flybus is an Airavat Club Class (semi-sleeper) service and connects the Bengaluru airport to various cities in southern Karnataka. The destinations include Mangaluru, Udupi/Manipal, Kundapur and Mysuru. Davangere will be a new destination.



R Ramalinga Reddy

Medical counselling: Anxiety grips seat aspirants awaiting third round results

NMC okayed 443 more seats after first & second rounds

BENGALURU, DHNS

Medical colleges have already commenced classes for first-year MBBS students – those who allotted seats in the first and second rounds of counselling – much to the dismay of those awaiting the results of the third (mop-up) round of counselling.

Meanwhile, 29 students who were allotted seats in the first and second rounds have challenged the order restricting their participation in the third round in the High Court. With the case pending in High Court, Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) has deferred the declaration of results for the third round of counselling.

Although students allotted seats in the first two rounds

were allowed to apply for those seats added to nine colleges ahead of the third round, they were barred from seeking seats at other institutions by the KEA. The students, however, moved the court challenging KEA's order. The High Court is likely to hear the petition on Wednesday.

Students and parents have blamed the National Medical Commission (NMC) for the present predicament. The Commission approved the addition of 443 seats to the 9 colleges after the first two rounds of counselling were completed.

“The National Medical Commission must have approved the new seats for the next academic year instead of doing so while counselling was under way. This has

disrupted the process, besides inconveniencing students,” said a parent, whose daughter is keenly awaiting the results of the mop-up round.

There is no contest between those of us seeking seats in the mop-up round and those already allotted seats in the first two rounds of counselling, said a worried student who is hoping to get a seat under the management quota. “Most of us are hoping to be allotted seats under the management quota. But classes have already started for most students, and the court is yet to issue its verdict on the petition,” said the student.

KEA Executive Director H Prasanna pointed out that the notification allowing students allotted seats in the earlier rounds clearly mentioned that they could only opt for those

seats added ahead of the mop-up round. “Now they are contending that they should be allowed to choose from the entire pool, including those resulting from consequential vacancies, which is not technically possible,” he said.

Given that the High Court is yet to rule on the petition filed by the 29 students, the KEA has had to delay the submission of the list of students allotted seats in the third round to the Medical Counselling Committee, which is holding a stray vacancy round for seats under the ‘All-India Quota’. “Names of students allotted seats in the third round must be removed from the commission's list of aspirants for the All-India Quota. But with the case pending in court, we have not been able to share the list,” said Prasanna.

Union govt must answer why bomb blasts occur during polls, says Siddaramaiah

'Delhi blast likely to have impact on Bihar elections'

MYSURU, DHNS

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said that the bomb blast in Delhi on Monday is likely to have an impact on the polling for the second phase of Bihar election. “If so, it will be against the BJP,” he said.

Speaking to media persons at his residence in Mysuru on Tuesday, Siddaramaiah said that several innocent lives were lost in the blast near the Red Fort in New Delhi. “My sympathies are with the victims. There has to be an investigation to bring out the truth and to check if there was

a security lapse.”

When asked why bomb blasts seem to occur during the elections, Siddaramaiah said, “The Union government must answer why such bomb blasts occur during the elections. They are yet to assess if this incident had any link with the Bihar election.”

Replying to a query on the protests by BJP leaders over viral videos of inmates partying and using mobile phones in Parappana Agrahara central prison, he said, “Let them go and protest in Delhi, since there is a bomb blast.”

On Delhi visit

On his Delhi visit and probabilities of Cabinet reshuffle, Siddaramaiah said that he is visiting Delhi on November 15 to participate in a programme of Kapil Sibal. “I have sought Rahul Gandhi's appointment. If I don't get an appointment,

I will return the same day,” he said.

Plural country

About RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat's statement on making the country a ‘Hindu Rashtra’, Siddaramaiah said, “It is not possible to make our country a Hindu Rashtra. Right from Jan Sangh to RSS, they have been saying the same thing. But ours is a plural country. There are people from different dharmas, castes, cultures and languages here. So, it is an inclusive country. They should also talk about discrimination and inequality.”

Sun burn

On a lighter note, he recalled how sun burn on his hands, due to his Ballari padayatra in 2010, could not be cured even after seeing several specialists and using several medications.

JD(S) MLA ‘not to take perks’ for Belagavi session

BENGALURU, DHNS: Gurumitkal JD(S) lawmaker Sharangouda Kandkur has decided not to receive the allowances during the upcoming winter session of the state legislature scheduled to be held in Belagavi next month.

In a statement released to the media, the legislator said, “As I had announced in the previous sessions in Belagavi during one of the discussions, I will not receive any kind of allowances, accommodation, food and beverages during the winter session this time. I request the (authorities) concerned to allow me to get food from outside.”

He said the two-week session in Belagavi seems like a trip, and no fruitful discussions take place regarding Kalyana Karnataka issues.



Sharangouda Kandkur

Srinivasapura MLA files PIL in HC alleging discrimination in fund allocation

BENGALURU, DHNS

The high court on Tuesday ordered notice to the state government in a public interest litigation (PIL) filed by G K Venkatasiva Reddy, JD(S) MLA from Srinivasapura assembly constituency, alleging discrimination in allocation of funds.

A division bench comprising Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru and Justice C M Poonacha also ordered notice to Deputy Commissioner of Kolar district and posted the matter to January 21, 2026, for further consideration.

The bench said that it will consider insofar as the first prayer in the PIL, seeking release of the amounts granted in favour of Srinivasapura constituency, since other prayers are already raised in a similar petition filed by Jagadeesh Shivayya Gudagunti, BJP MLA from Jamkhandi.

In his petition, Venkatasiva Reddy stated that for the year 2023-24, the state government under the Chief Minister's fund had ordered release of Rs 25 crore to all the constituencies represented by the Congress independent MLAs. However, the government has not granted any amount to the MLAs belonging to the BJP and JD(S). The petitioner claims to have

submitted a representation to the Chief Minister requesting a grant of Rs 35 crore for development works at Srinivasapura constituency. Even as this amount was not released, the petitioner wrote a letter in February 2025 seeking release of Rs 10 crore to address the rain-affected problems in the constituency.

The petition stated that while Rs 50 crore each is being granted to KGF, Bangarpet, Malur and Kolar constituencies, represented by Congress MLAs, the Chief Minister addressed a letter on September 15, 2025, stating that Rs 25 crore is being granted to Srinivasapura assembly constituency. The petitioner alleged this act as discrimination among the constituencies.

“...a sum of Rs 50 crore was released to the MLAs belonging to Congress party elected from KGF, Bangarpet, Malur and Kolar constituencies. But, so far as MLAs belonging to JDS party, from Srinivasapura and Mulbagal constituencies, the state government has granted only Rs 25 crore. This clearly shows the discrimination towards the petitioner and MLAs belonging to JDS party, which is in violation of Article 14 of the Constitution of India. Even the said amount is also not released so far,” the petition said.

150 tmcft excess Cauvery water reached TN, says CM

MYSURU, DHNS: Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday said that the Mekedatu balancing dam project would not affect Tamil Nadu.

“Due to excess South West Monsoon rainfall, 150 tmcft of excess water has reached Tamil Nadu apart from the 177.25 tmcft water, mandated to be released during the entire water year (June 2025 to May 2026) as per the final verdict of the Cauvery water disputes tribunal, in the absence of a balancing reservoir down stream,” he said.

Speaking to media persons in the city, the chief minister said, “Although there was excess rainfall from June to September, there was deficit in some parts. But it could be balanced with good rainfall in October. All the reservoirs are full. So, there will be no drinking water crisis this year.”

Crop loss

The CM said that the funds for crop loss would be deposited to the farmers' bank accounts in a week to 15 days.

He said, “Due to excess rainfall, there was crop loss

on about 12 lakh hectares of land in the state, including 74 hectares in Mysuru district.

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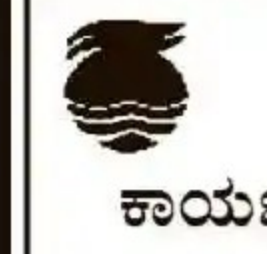
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ಮಾನ್ಯ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನಿರೀವರಿ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಿಂದ ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಜಿಎಲ್‌ಬಿಸಿ ವಿಭಾಗ ಸಂ. 2 ಜಮಖಂಡಿ ಕಛೇರಿ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ Standard Tender Document/ Works / (KW- 1, 3 & 4) ಏಕ ಲೋಟಿ/ದ್ವಿ ಲೋಟಿ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಂತೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳ ಗಳ ಮೋರ್ಚಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತೆ ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್‌ಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ರೂ. ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ

ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ.	ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ	ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಪೀಠಿಕೆ ಮೊತ್ತ (ಜಿಎಸ್‌ಟಿ ಹೊರತು ಪಡಿಸಿ)
1	KNNL/ 2025-26/ SE 0323	2.92
2	KNNL/ 2025-26/ SE 0321	14.74
3	KNNL/ 2025-26/ SE 0326	11.86
4	KNNL/ 2025-26/ SE 0327	6.09
5	KNNL/ 2025-26/ SE 0320	9.96
6	KNNL/ 2025-26/ SE 0322	4.78
7	KNNL/ 2025-26/ SE 0324	9.82
8	KNNL/ 2025-26/ SE 0325	9.56
9	KNNL/2025-26/OW/WORK_ INDENT3402	13.32
10	KNNL/2025-26/OW/WORK_ INDENT 3417	3.81
11	KNNL/2025-26/OW/WORK_ INDENT 3416	4.85
12	KNNL/2025-26/CN/WORK_ INDENT 3404	3.13
13	KNNL/2025-26/IW/WORK_ INDENT 3413	1.71
14	KNNL/2025-26/IW/WORK_ INDENT 3414	1.69
15	KNNL/2025-26/BD/WORK_ INDENT 3403	5.33
16	KNNL/2025-26/OW/WORK_ INDENT 3418	4.65
17	KNNL/2025-26/BD/WORK_ INDENT 3405	1.69
18	KNNL/2025-26/OW/WORK_ INDENT 3415	2.96
19	KNNL/2025-26/BD/WORK_ INDENT 3410	8.46
20	KNNL/2025-26/BR/ WORK_ INDENT 3042 Call-3	16.94
21	KNNL/2025-26/CN/ WORK_ INDENT 3044 Call-3	8.47
22	KNNL/2025-26/CN/ WORK_ INDENT 3101 Call-3	50.83
23	KNNL/2025-26/OW/WORK_ INDENT 3426	99.13

I.ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ ಕ್ಯಾಲೆಂಡರ್ ದಿನಾಂಕ KPP Portal ನಲ್ಲಿಇರುವಂತೆ. 2. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗೆ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಮತ್ತು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ:18.11.2025 [16.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ]. 3. KPP Portal ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳ ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 20.11.2025 [11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ].
NOTE: ಕಾರಣಾಂತರಗಳಿಂದ ಮೇಲೆ ತಿಳಿಸಿದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ಇತರ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಗಳಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು KPP Portal ನಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದು.

ಸಹ/-ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು
ಘ.ಎ.ದಂ ಕಾಲುವೆ ವಿಭಾಗ ಸಂ-2, ಜಮಖಂಡಿ

DIPR/BG/NO-180-379/KSMCA/2025-26

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A Govt. of Karnataka Enterprises)
Ref: 1)No: EE/ RNR/UTP/PB-3/2025-26/1872 Dt: 10-11-2025

SHORT TERM RETENDER NOTIFICATION CALL-2
(Through KPP- portal system)

Percentage tenders are invited by the undersigned on behalf of the Managing Director, KNNL, Bangalore, from eligible bidders who satisfies throughGO KPPP platform shall submit the bid as per Ref in two cover Electronic document system for 1 Work under the head of account 4701 for Tender amount of Rs.4.15 (without GST) crores. The details is as follows: Indent No:3215 CALL-2
(1)The contractor can have access to e tender documents for above Tenders From:10-11-2025 to 17-11-2025 5-00 pm (2) Last Date and time for tender queries before 14-11-2025 Upto 04.00 PM (3) Technical Bid will be opened On 18-11-2025 @05-30PM & financial Bid will be opened after the Approval Technical Bid at office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL, UTP Division, Ranebennur. Any changes made in the said Notification Corrected /Corrigendum's will be uploaded in the KPP-portal.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, KNNL, U.T.P. Dn, Ranebennur.

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Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer, National Highways, Mini Vidhana Soudha, Dharwad-580 001

No.LAQ/RAHE/CR-012023-24

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Announcement for the information of land owners/interested persons regarding the land acquisition award and land compensation payment for the construction of Sindhanur Bypass Road on National Highway 150A (Jevargi Chamaraajanagara Section) from km 168.370 to 180.800 and the construction of Maski Bypass Road on National Highway-150A (Jevargi-Chamaraajanagara Section) from km 144.220 to 151.760.

Notifications under Section 3(A) and Section 3(D) of the National Highways Act, 1956 for the acquisition of land for the construction of Sindhanur Bypass Road on National Highway 150A (Jevargi Chamaraajanagara Section) from km 168.370 to 180.800 and Maski Bypass Road on National Highway -150A (Jevargi-Chamaraajanagara Section) from km 144.220 to 151.760 have been published in the Gazette of the Government of India and brought to the notice of all land owners and interested parties and have also been published in daily newspapers.

The under signed officer has issued an order dated 30-04-2024 for the land acquisition compensation of land/building in respect of the lands belonging to Mallapur, Hosalapur, Bhutaladinni, Sindhanur, Hosalli and Sasalamari villages of Sindhanur taluk and in respect of the lands belonging to Maski and Sukanur villages of Maski taluk under Section 3(G) of the National Highways Act, 1956. The land acquisition compensation amount will be released by the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways through the under signed officer. The notice letter has already been personally issued to the concerned land owners/interested persons in accordance with the National Highways Act, 1956. Therefore, this additional public announcement is hereby made for the information of the concerned land owners/interested persons that the land compensation amount is hereby released to all the concerned land owners and further it is hereby notified that,

The land compensation amount is being paid directly to the bank accounts of all the concerned land owners for those who have already submitted their bank details.

This additional public notice informs that the land compensation amount is being paid to the concerned land owners/interested persons. Already, notices have been issued to the land owners of villages in Maski taluk on 27-05-2024 and to the land owners of villages in Sindhanur taluk on 12-06-2024. Although final notices have been issued to the land owners who have not received land compensation without submitting documents till now, on 14-08-2025, due to non-submission of documents, if the documents related to obtaining compensation are not submitted to the under signed as mentioned in the said notice or if the relevant documents regarding obtaining land compensation are not submitted within 21 days from the date of issue of this notice and the land compensation is not received, the compensation amount will be deposited in the court under Section 3(H) of the National Highways Act, 1956.

The following beneficiaries are advised to submit their documents and receive compensation.

Village: Mallapur

Sl. No.	Survey/Plot Number	Name of Land Owner/Interested Person
1	23/6	MATMAREPPA S/O IRAPPA, DEVAPPA S/O HUCHAPPA, SURESH S/O IRAPPA , NARASAMMA W/O MALLAPPA
2	23/9	BHIMESH K S/O K S MARIYAPPA
3	42/1	BASAMMA W/O VENKATRAYA, SUJATHA W/O AMARESH, ARUNA W/O GHANNABASAVA
4	55/14	RUDRAPPA S/O SHARANNAPPA PAGADDINNI
5	45/1 (court case)	SHIVAPPA S/O MUDDAPPA , MALLAPPA S/O IRAPPA , NARASAMMA W/O HANMANTHAPPA , NIJALINGAPPA S/O SHIVAPPA , PAMPANNA S/O SHIVAPPA , IRAPPA S/O SHIVAPPA , AMARAPPA S/O GANGADHARAPPA , HANMANTH S/O LINGAPPA , TIPPANNA S/O MAYAPPA ,
6	44 (court case)	HANUMANTH S/O SOMAPPA, HANMANTHAPPA S/O SOMAPPA

Village: Hosalapur

Sl. No.	Survey/Plot Number	Name of Land Owner/Interested Person
1	37/1/14	DEENSAB S/O RAJASAB
2	39/3	LAXMAN S/O HANUMANTAPPA UPPAR
3	41/1/5	LAXMI W/O DHARMANNA, NAGARAJ S/O SHREENIVAS, YALLAPPA S/O HANUMANTAPPA MAAKAMADINNI
4	42/3	DHARAMICHAND S/O LAXMICHAND CHAJED

Village: Boothaladinni

Sl. No.	Survey/Plot Number	Name of Land Owner/Interested Person
1	10/1/1	YAMANNAPPA S/O SOMAPPA
2	10/1/2	SHAMSHUDDINCHANDPASHA S/O SHEKMAHIMUD
3	10/1/6	K BASAVARAJ S/O AMARAPPA
4	103/4	B RAJESHWARI W/O B KUMAR ACHARI
5	104/4	BASAVARAJ S/O SIDRAMAPPA , HANUMAMMA W/O LATE HANUMANTAPPA, NAGAPPA S/O AYYAPPA
6	8	HUSSAINAPPA S/O RAJAPPA

Village: Sindhanur

Sl. No.	Survey/Plot Number	Name of Land Owner/Interested Person
1	825/2	M RUKMINI W/O SURYARAO
2	834/2	KARNATAKA GOVERNMENT
3	834/3	KRISHNAKUMAR S/O TIPPAYYA
4	924/6	KHAJAHUSSAIN S/O MAHAMAD SAB
5	955/2	BOODENMA W/O HANUMANTA

Village: Hosalli

Sl. No.	Survey/Plot Number	Name of Land Owner/Interested Person
1	44/2	RAJIYA BEGUM W/O T C SHASHAVALI
2	65/11	G NAGESHWARARAV S/O NARASINGRAV
3	65/14	SHARANAPPA S/O NAGIREDDY
4	65/16	K MALLIKARJUNA S/O K SATYANARAYANA
5	70/1	SHREEMATI FAKEERAMMA W/O HANUMANTAPPA, SHREEMATI SHANTAMMA W/O HANUMANTAPPA, HUCHHAPPA S/O MOOKAPPA, NINGAPPA S/O MOOKAPPA, BASAPPA S/O MOOKAPPA, MUDUKAPPA S/O SHIVAPPA, H RAGHU @ MALLIKARJUN S/O SHIVAPPA,



ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕರ ಕಛೇರಿ (ಅಂಧತ್ವ ವಿಭಾಗ), ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕು.ಕ. ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು,
ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ

ಎಂ.ಎಂ.ರಸ್ತೆ, ಪ್ರೇಮಚೌನ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-05, ದೂರವಾಣಿ-080-25472966

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : DHS/NHM/NPCB&VI/EOI/01/01/2025-26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 07.11.2025

ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (Expression of Interest)

2025-26ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಅಂಧತ್ವ ನಿಯಂತ್ರಣ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದಡಿಎಲ್ಲಿ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ Prevalence of Blindness ಅನ್ನು ಕಡಿಮೆ ಮಾಡುವ ನಿಟ್ಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಉಚಿತ ಕಣ್ಣಿನ ಪೂರೈಕೆ ಶಸ್ತ್ರಚಿಕಿತ್ಸೆ ನಡೆಸಲು ಸೂಕ್ತವಾದ ಮಾನವ ಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲ (Man Power) ಹಾಗೂ Hospital Infrastructure ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆ ಇರುವ ಆಸಕ್ತ NGO ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳ Expression of Interest (EOI) ಅನ್ನು & ಕೆಪಿಎ ಮೋರ್ಚಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್‌ಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಆಸಕ್ತಿ ಇರುವ ಸರ್ಕಾರೀತರ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ (NGO) ಗಳು ಕೆಪಿಎ ಮೋರ್ಚಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ Expression of Interest (EOI) ಅನ್ನು ವ್ಯಕ್ತಪಡಿಸಲು ಪ್ರತಿ ಕಾ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ನೀಡಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಅಂಧತ್ವ ನಿಯಂತ್ರಣ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕುಟುಂಬ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ. ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಹಳೇ ಕ್ಷಯ ರೋಗಿಗಳ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆ ಅವರೂ, ಹಳೇ ಮದ್ರಾಸ್ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-38. ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸುವುದು. (7406084608 / 8197625473).

1) ಕೆಪಿಎ ಮೋರ್ಚಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **21.11.2025.**
2) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **24.11.2025.** 3) Expression of Interest ತೆರೆಯುವ ಸ್ಥಳ: ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕುಟುಂಬ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ. ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಹಳೇ ಕ್ಷಯ ರೋಗಿಗಳ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆ ಅವರೂ, ಹಳೇ ಮದ್ರಾಸ್ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-38. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> ಮೋರ್ಚಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ವೀಕ್ಷಿಸಬಹುದು.

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ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕು.ಕ. ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು.

ವಾಗಾಸಂಖ್ಯೆ/ವಾಪ್/ಜಿಎ/1712/2025-26

6	75/7	HANUMANTA S/O LATE YANKAPPA, HANUMANTA S/O LATE YANKAPPA	
7	76	BHEEMAREDDI S/O BHEEMARAYA, CANAL, P VARAPRASADA S/O AMMIRAJA, DURUGAMMA W/O SADANANDAPPA, S KALYANI W/O VIJAYBHASKARA, SHREENIVAS S/O VIJAYBHASKARA, NAGENDRABABU S/O VIJAYBHASKARA, SURESHA S/O VIJAYBHASKARA	
8	79/2	SHARANAPPA S/O LATE AMBANNA	
9	79/3	SANGAMMA W/O LATE KARIYAPPA, SHIVAPPA S/O NINGAPPA, GAVIMUNI SHANKRAPPA S/O LINGAPPA	
10	79/12	IRAPPA S/O LINGAPPA, SANNA IRAPPA S/O LINGAPPA	
Village: Sasalamari			
Sl. No.	Survey/Plot Number	Name of Land Owner/Interested Person	
1	100/13	IRAMMA W/O S YANKAPPA	
2	100/15	LINGAMMA W/O VENKAPPA	
3	105/3	MANGALAMMA W/O IRAPPA	
4	105/4	SUGURAYYA S/O PAMPAYYASWAMI, SURESH SWAMI S/O PAMPAYYASWAMI, MALLAYYA SWAMI S/O PAMPAYYASWAMI, DODDABASAMMA W/O CHANDRASHEKHARAYYA, SHANKARLINGAYYA S/O PAMPAYYA SWAMI	
5	105/5	GIRIJAMMA W/O DODDABASAYYA	
6	106/9	A SATHYANARAYAN S/O NAGAPPA	
7	106/10	T B P KALUVE	
Village: Maski			
Sl. No.	Survey/Plot Number	Name of Land Owner/Interested Person	
1	255/2	PRASHANT S/O PRABHUSHETTY KAPPARAGAV LINGASAGUR	
2	255/4	NAGARAJ S/O SUGAPPA SALMANI LINGASAGURU	
3	258/1/1	NO RTC	
4	259/1	SHREEKANTAYYA S/O CHANDRASHEKHARAYYA SALIMATHA, SHIVAPUTRAYYA S/O CHANDRASHEKHARAYYA SALIMATHA, BHEEMAPPA S/O HANUMANTAPPA KORAVARA GUDADURU	
5	259/2	KARIBASANTY S/O SHIVBASAYYA, TIPPAYYASWAMI SALIMATHA S/O SHIVBASAYYA SALIMATHA, BASAVARAJ S/O SHIVBASAYYA SALIMATHA	
6	259/3	B LAXMIDEVI W/O PAMPANNA, B H GANESHAKUMAR S/O HAMPANNA, VIDYASHREE W/O VEERESHA RATE, ANNAPURNA W/O PARAPPA RATE	
7	31/2 (court case)	MASOOD PASHA MAHAMAD HASAN	
8	32/1	ON BEHALF OF GOVERNOR KARNATAKA GOVERNMENT MEMBER SHRI MAHADEVAPPA VEERESHA NAGAPPA MASKI	
9	31/6 (court case)	RAMESHA S/O VENKATESHA	
10	33/6	KANAKAPPA S/O BASAPPA JIGALURU TUGGALA DONI	
11	33/4	HANUMESHA SHETTI S/O ISHWARAYYA SAALAGUNDA	
12	33/5	B. VEERAYYA SHETTY S/O B. HANUMANTAYYA SHETTY SIRAGUPPA	
13	33/7	HANUMANTAPPA S/O MALLAPPA BARKI, HANUMANTAPPA S/O MALLAPPA BARKI, HANUMAMMA W/O BASAPPA, SHARANABASAPPA S/O BALAPPA, NAGAPPA S/O HANUMAPPA, SHIVAPPA S/O MALLAPPA, BANNEMMA W/O SARANABASAVA URF SHARANAPPA, YALLAVVA W/O MALLAPPA BARKI, MALLAPPA S/O SHIVAPPA BARKI, BASAVARAJ SHIVAPPA BARKI, BASAVARAJ SHIVAPPA BARKI	
14	331/4	HANAMANTAPPA S/O MALLAPPA BARKI, BANNEMMA W/O SARANABASAVA URF SHARANAPPA, NAGAPPA S/O IRAPPA BARKI, MALLAPPA S/O IRAPPA , NAGAPPA S/O HANUMAPPA BARKI, MALLAPPA S/O SHIVAPPA BARKI, BASAVARAJ SHIVAPPA BARKI, MALLAPPA SHIVAPPA BARKI, BASAVARAJ SHIVAPPA BARKI	
15	332/2	HANAMANTAPPA S/O MALLAPPA BARKI, BANNEMMA W/O SARANABASAVA URF SHARANAPPA, NAGAPPA S/O IRAPPA BARKI, MALLAPPA S/O IRAPPA , NAGAPPA S/O HANUMAPPA BARKI, MALLAPPA S/O SHIVAPPA BARKI, BASAVARAJ SHIVAPPA BARKI, MALLAPPA SHIVAPPA BARKI, BASAVARAJ SHIVAPPA BARKI	
16	332/1	YENKAPPA S/O KANAKAPPA	
17	334/1/1	AKKAMAHADEVI D/O VEERAYYASWAMI	
18	35/1	A SOHANKUMAR S/O KUNDANAMAL	
19	35/9	SHARANABASAV S/O VEERABHADRAYYA	
20	35/2	MANAGING DIRECTOR NORTH EAST KARNATAKA ROAD TRANSPORT GULBARGA	
21	355	DEVAMMA W/O HANUMANTA JALI MASKI BASALINGAPPA S/O NAGAREDDAPPA BASAVARAJ S/O MALLIKARJUNAPPA MALLIKARJUNAPPA S/O CHENNAPPA DAYAPPA S/O AMARAPPA JOGIN	
22	357	HANAMAPPA S/O LINGAPPA	
23	407	SHIVAPPA S/O VEERAPPA UDYALA	
24	88/3	M.SHIVASHARANA S/O SHREESHALLAPPA MASKI	
25	89/16	SHARANBASAVA S/O VEERABHADRAYYA	
26	89/1	A SOHANKUMAR S/O KUNDANAMAL	
27	255/3 (court case)	CHANDRASHEKHARAPPA S/O MALLAPPA DEVADURGA JAGEERARAMPURA	
28	89/10	CHILAKURI SHRILAXMI W/O CH NAGESH SINDHANUR	
Village: Sukanur			
Sl. No.	Survey/Plot Number	Name of Land Owner/Interested Person	
1	44/1	AMARAPPA S/O SANGAPPA GUDADURA , MANJULA W/O PAMPAPATI , THIRUPATI S/O PAMPANNA , SHIDDANNA S/O PAMPANNA , SHARANABASAPPA S/O PAMPANNA , SHANKRAPPA S/O PAMPANNA , GANGAPPA S/O ADAPPA	
2	44/2	MANJULA W/O PAMPAPATI , GANGAPPA S/O ADAPPA	
3	45/1	SHARANEGOUDA S/O GEEREGOUDA , SOMASHEKHARAGOUDA S/O SHIDDANAGOUDA	
4	45/2	SHARANEGOUDA S/O GEEREGOUDA , SOMASHEKHARAGOUDA S/O SHIDDANAGOUDA	
Sd/- Special Land Acquisition Officer, National Highways, Dharwad			



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In exercise of powers conferred under section 14-B of the Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act 1961 the following 'Area' mentioned in the schedule below is required by **The Commissioner, Bengaluru East City Corporation for Widening and Formation of 30.00 Mtr. Wide Road from Kundalahalli (Old Airport Road) to Gunjuru Palya via BWSSB Treatment Plant (Road upto Gunjur Palya Main Road) as per RMP - 2015.** The following land / building owners have opted for Development Rights in lieu of monetary compensation under the Right to Fair Compensation and transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013. The Development Rights will be given by the Authority as twice the land area surrendered and two times the building area surrendered and as estimated by the value of the building area surrendered (valuated as per PWD norms) divided by the market value of the land on which the building is constructed. The public is hereby informed about the details of the land and land owners and interested persons whose lands are required for the public purpose and Development Right Certificate (DRCs) are to be issued in lieu of monetary compensation. Any objections and suggestions are to be addressed to the Commissioner, Bengaluru East City Corporation within thirty days from the date of publication of this Notification.

List of Land / Building area surrendered and land owners for which DRC is to be issued.

Name of the District: Bengaluru Urban		Name of the Taluk: Bengaluru East		Name of the Village: Balagere									
Sl. No.	Sy.No/ Khatha No.	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Dimension of the Land / Plot & Extent in Sq.m	Boundaries of the Land / Plot	Building Details	Present Activity on Land / Building (Specify Specific activity such as Shop, Office, Factory, Apartment, Individual House etc.,	Market (guide -lines) value of the land Per Sq.m	Name and address of the owner of the Plot / Land for which DRC is to be issued				
		Vacant	Built up	Dimension	Extent	East	West	North	South	Extent in Sq.m	Type of Construction and No. of Floors	Floor Area Ratio	
1	Sy. No. 82 (Old-64) Khatha Si. No: 3546	Vacant Land	Converted Land	Approved Layout / Developed Land / Building Site	573.30	Remaining Portion of Sy.No. 82	Road	Sy.No. 64	Sy.No. 64	None	None	None	Sri J. Suresh Kumar S/o Janardhana Reddy Residing at No.27/28, 11th Main, 3rd Cross Road, Behind Adarsha School, MSR Layout, Hongasandra, Bangalore - 560068.

Note: Market guideline value of this property is considered subject to conditions of payment of fee as per Government Order No: ಸಲಸಾ 137 ಎಂಎಸ್‌ಸಾ 2024 (ಸಾ), ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 09.09.2024 and as per the Circular No: ಅಯುಕ್ತರು/ಒ.ಎಸ್.ಆರ್‌/ಜಿ/1802/2024-25, ದಿನಾಂಕ:21.09.2024.

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Delhi blast breaks illusion of normal

The explosion in a car near Delhi's Red Fort on Monday, which killed at least 12 people and injured around 20, has reaffirmed the threat of terrorism and concerns over internal security. The case is being investigated by the NIA, with Umar Nabi, a young doctor from Pulwama in south Kashmir, identified as the prime suspect. There are unmistakable markings of a terrorist act, aimed at maximum impact in a crowded, public location in the heart of the national capital. The place and time reveal an intent to kill, damage, and unleash serious fear among the people. The Red Fort is an iconic symbol of the nation, and its neighbourhood always buzzes with life. An attack in the locality leaves an impact far beyond the environs.

Investigators have identified some associations of the perpetrators; the full extent of the conspiracy and the operational details are expected to be unravelled soon. The attack has been linked with the recovery of a huge cache of explosives from a house in neighbouring Faridabad on Sunday. The car blast and the seizure of explosives have been traced to Jammu and Kashmir – the prime suspect and the men arrested in connection with the Faridabad haul are from the UT. Parallels are being drawn with the 2019 Pulwama terror attack. It is also suspected that the perpetrator had links with the terrorist outfit Jaish-e-Mohammed. On the day the Faridabad terror module was uncovered, the Gujarat Anti-Terrorism Squad had arrested in Ahmedabad some individuals with alleged international links. Several dots in the plot remain unconnected, and more details are to be unearthed before the full picture emerges.

Terror has hit Delhi after a long time. The country, barring Jammu and Kashmir, has not witnessed such incidents in recent years. While the Central government has often made claims that it has “freed” India of terrorism, the Delhi explosion comes as a rude shock and a reminder of the persisting dangers and vulnerabilities. Every terrorist attack raises questions about security and intelligence failure, especially when it happens in high-security areas. Though it is claimed that the terrorists can choose their time and place of attack, the government and the security agencies cannot evade responsibility for these attacks, the loss of lives, and most critically, the loss of a sense of security among the public. India's citizens have their right to life – all governments have a responsibility to protect it, and the country's security apparatus must have that at its policy centre.

Prison reform and missing accountability

The latest scandal from Bengaluru's Parappana Agrahara Central Prison, showing hardened criminals and even terror suspects enjoying VIP comforts, is not an aberration but the symptom of a disease long left untreated. For decades, Karnataka's jails have been notorious for their porous walls, compromised warders and a culture of impunity that thrives under the cloak of official indifference. The videos that went viral recently are as shocking as they are familiar. They show Juhad Hameed Shakeel Manna, an ISIS-linked detainee accused of recruiting for the terror group, casually using a smartphone inside his cell. Only recently, the video of a notorious rowdy celebrating his birthday inside the prison had gone public.

Each revelation has followed the same dreary script: outrage, suspension of a few officers, and solemn promises of reform. This time too, the government's reaction has been swift but predictable. Chief Superintendent K Suresha has been transferred, while Superintendent Myageri and Assistant Superintendent Ashok Bhajantri have been suspended. For the first time, an IPS officer, Anshu Kumar, has been posted as Chief Superintendent. Home Minister G Parameshwara has constituted a committee led by ADGP (Law and Order) R Hitendra to submit a comprehensive report on all prisons within a month. On the technical front, a command centre will be established to monitor CCTV feeds from across prisons, and an audit will ensure that mobile jammers are functional. The government has approved Rs 2 crore for new CCTV installations and Rs 15 crore for communication towers. Additional staff recruitment is also on the cards.

These are welcome measures, but they barely scratch the surface. The malaise runs far deeper. The question that exposes the depth of this rot is this: how do inmates repeatedly smuggle in smartphones, SIM cards, and even record videos when high-security jammers are supposedly in place? The answer lies in the complicity of insiders: corrupt staff who facilitate such smuggling for a price. Successive governments have failed to dismantle this entrenched ecosystem because accountability rarely travels upwards. The heads that should roll are often shielded, while mid-level officers alone face the rap. A prison system that allows terror suspects and serial offenders to turn high-security cells into personal lounges is not merely lax; it is lawless. If the government is serious about reform, it must act beyond cosmetic transfers and suspensions. Prison administration must be purged, professionalised, and made answerable at the very top. Anything less will ensure that the next scandal is not a matter of if, but *when*.

The first major attack in the capital in years underlines security gaps and the need for unrelenting vigil

Official complicity is, yet again, exposed. Action must go beyond token transfers and suspensions

Karnataka's new law pushes welfarism, but real outreach is in securing access to land and grazing rights

GAUTAM AREDATH AND SACHIN PERNACCA SASHIDHAR

Pastoralism, which involves the seasonal movement of livestock and their herders to access forage and water, produces output (mainly milk, meat, and manure) worth an estimated Rs 1.3 trillion annually in India. This accounts for 3% of its agricultural GDP. It is a truly nature-based livelihood that sustains on naturally occurring grasslands and with little input other than labour. Yet, pastoralism is an occupation in serious decline.

While settled livelihoods might seem to represent a civilisational trajectory, pastoralism coexisted and thrived in the subcontinent alongside agricultural and pre-industrial societies. Movement across long distances was a choice shaped by ecological, economic, and cultural factors, particularly in the semi-arid Deccan, the desert landscapes of western India and the hilly tracts of the lower Himalayas. Colonial rule, however, brought severe disruption by sedentarising and criminalising nomadic pastoralists who operated beyond its administrative logic of territory and “order”.

But this is not just history. Even after the repeal of laws criminalising nomadic tribes, the social stigma attached to pastoralism persists. And though the colonial rulers are gone, India's Weberian bureaucracy still struggles to accommodate mobility. The government lacks solutions for delivering services such as healthcare and education to people constantly on the move, and its go-to tool of (input) subsidies holds limited relevance for pastoralists. The most serious challenge to pastoralism, however, has been land-use change. Over the past century, India has lost nearly as much grassland as forest cover, but unlike the latter, a protective legal framework is lacking for grasslands. Their unabated conversion, for agriculture, industry, afforestation and, of late, large-scale solar and wind power installations, continues to extinguish grazing lands and commons, intensifying pastoralists' precarity.

The Karnataka government's recently enacted law, the Karnataka Traditional Migratory Shepherds (Welfare Measures and Protection against Atrocities) Act, 2025, must

be understood in this context. While it deserves praise for acknowledging the issues faced by pastoralist communities and taking steps to address them, it falls short in addressing the deeper, structural problems involved.

A key feature of the Act is the formal recognition of pastoralists and their occupation through a registration process that also entitles them to government benefits. Its actual usefulness depends on another provision that requires the government to frame welfare schemes covering matters such as healthcare, education, housing, livestock support, and compensation for livestock loss. By creating a justiciable obligation on the state, this advances



several Directive Principles of State Policy, much like Karnataka's recent legislative actions for gig and domestic workers. Continued pastoralist mobilisation, which helped bring this law into being, will be crucial to turn this into action. However, the creation of a welfare board composed entirely of officials, with no representation from pastoralist groups, is a missed opportunity on the government's part for sustained engagement.

The Act contains penal action for various offences against pastoralists, including by public officials. Curiously, some of these restate existing penal provisions and are perhaps more a symbolic gesture in support of pastoralism. Certain new offences related to the denial of access to public property, forest lands (excluding reserved forests), and customary grazing routes are noteworthy, given the exclusion and restrictions faced by pastoralists. While these are positive steps at first glance, the conditions for their effectiveness require closer scrutiny.

Root causes unaddressed
The penal provisions relating to deni-

al of access overlook the more fundamental issue: the availability of grazing lands. The case of Amrit Mahal Kavals in Challakere, once covering four lakh acres but now reduced to just 58,000 acres, illustrates this stark challenge. The administrative tendency to categorise vast open spaces as “wastelands” in need of productive use is rooted in the neglect of pastoralist production.

The Act's treatment of forest lands is similarly inadequate. It excludes reserved forests, which constitute nearly 75% of Karnataka's forests, from the protective provision even though the justification for outright grazing bans is tenuous. In doing so, it directly contradicts the landmark Forest Rights Act, 2006 (FRA), which recognises grazing rights of pastoralists across all forest lands. The protection of customary grazing rights, without their formal recognition through the FRA or state land laws, risks becoming vague and unenforceable. The Himachal Pradesh forest department's efforts to map and notify grazing routes to prevent afforestation in those areas offer a useful precedent.

A fundamental weakness underlying these issues is the government's siloed approach. While this new law, anchored in the Animal Husbandry Department, has been enacted, it fails to integrate with existing laws relating to land, forests, and, crucially, the FRA. This highlights the need for a more coordinated approach involving the revenue, forest, and tribal development departments, respectively, to address the loss of (access to) grazing lands, which is central to the problem. In particular, Karnataka's seeming reluctance to seriously implement the FRA must be addressed, both for pastoralists and forest-dependent communities, some of the most marginalised sections of society.

It is perhaps fitting that, in the land that reveres Lord Beerappa, the government has enacted this pioneering and progressive law, which could nudge action in other states. However, penal provisions and welfare programmes will only go so far in securing the well-being of Karnataka's pastoralists. Fostering their livelihood by securing the state's remaining grasslands and their rights over these lands is necessary to truly improve their lot. The environmental benefits of doing this are significant. A law that protects pastoralists without securing their grazing lands is incomplete.

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RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE

The Christmas crockery

The set, it seems, is too sacred to be soiled by mortals eating from it

ISHWAR PATI

When we were in London in the 1990s, one of the most important days on the calendar was not Christmas but the day after, called the Boxing Day. It was the day my wife keenly looked forward to because, once the festivities of Christmas and exchange of gifts were over, all shops opened their doors to the greatest sale of the year.

So it was that, on a dark and cold wintry morning, I found myself accompanying my wife to Oxford Street. Her heart seemed set on the fabulous but pricey bone-china dinner sets that she had spotted at the Selfridges'.

Promptly at 9 am the doors of Selfridges' opened and a mob of women, with a sprinkling of men like me,

stormed in. Looking around, we found no dinner sets displayed on the shelf. Instead, there were assorted crockery strewn all over the floor. My wife's shrill cry of delight was lost in the cacophony of the frenzied shoppers. She didn't hesitate to squat down to examine each piece at length! Gone was the dignified attire of a 'propah' Brit. She snatched some crockery close at hand and then, as in a game of poker, returned the odd ones back onto the floor. Though it was a complicated exercise, soon all the ladies had selected their pieces and exchanged odd pieces till each of them had secured a full set of crockery. My wife had managed to corner an elegant set of Royal Dolton at throwaway price.

When we reached home and she unwrapped each piece lovingly on the dining table, she shouted with excitement, “In India a set like this would cost us a small fortune!” “But, how will you be able to use such expensive crockery in India and run the risk of breaking even one piece?” I couldn't help asking her.

While I was mentally calculating

the hole the crockery set would make in my shallow pocket even after a hefty discount, I heard a sharp cry from my wife. My heart was in my mouth. She then handed me a plate with patterns of strokes and circles.

“What of it?” I asked. An attractive design no doubt, but quite a common pattern. “That's it!” She exclaimed. “The cross of Christ! This Christmas, he has chosen to come into our home!”

I examined the plate, turning it this way and that. “Where? I can't see any cross. Well, in any case, we are not Christians.”

“So what?” my wife retorted. “A blessing is a blessing. Not only do we get a lovely dinner set at a huge discount, but Christ too in this festive season. We're doubly blessed!”

“Twice blessed,” I corrected her. We returned to India shortly afterwards. The dinner set is yet to be put to use. Not out of consideration for its fragility, but because the wife considers it too ‘sacred’ to be soiled by mortals eating from it. Once a year it reminds me of the post-Christmas spirit of London.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The imperative of sustained vigilance

The Old Delhi explosion that claimed at least 12 lives is a tragic reminder of how vulnerable our cities remain despite years of warnings and technological advances. Security audits, drills, and alerts often lose urgency once the headlines fade, while crowded areas stay dangerously exposed. Safety cannot rest on token policing or reactive measures after each disaster. It must be built through continuous intelligence gathering, rigorous in-

frastructure checks, and civic participation. Policymakers must strengthen coordination between agencies and ensure accountability beyond press statements. Citizens, too, must adopt vigilance as a habit, not a reflex. A nation that forgets each tragedy invites its repetition. Real security will come only when preparedness becomes a culture, not a compulsion.

K Chidanand Kumar, Bengaluru

should take *suo motu* action to haul up the guilty – at least to lodge them in the same prison sans VIP treatment.

Disappointing stance

The 30th Conference of Parties on the climate crisis confronting the world is crucial for implementing the decisions made in Paris in 2015. However, the stance of developed countries, particularly the US, is disappointing. Without the full cooperation of all nations in tackling

the very real threats posed by climate change, mere discussions without concrete plans for mitigation are futile. It is imperative that all countries, especially developed ones, work together to find acceptable solutions to save the world from impending disaster.

V Padmanabhan, Bengaluru

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SPEAK OUT



Exit polls indicate people voted for NDA and for development (in Bihar).

Shahnawaz Hussain, BJP leader

Do you ever get the feeling that the only reason we have elections is to find out if the polls were right?

Robert Orben

TO BE PRECISE



IN PERSPECTIVE

As the US drifts, India must look East

With Washington tilting towards Beijing, New Delhi's real anchor in the Indo-Pacific may lie in a stronger ASEAN embrace

PARUL CHANDRA

India's hopes of hosting the fifth Quad Leaders' Summit this year have gone up in smoke with US President Donald Trump deciding not to travel to New Delhi amid the downward spiral in bilateral ties. He indicated last week – and rather belatedly – that he may visit next year. But given Trump's fickle and transactional style, even that remains uncertain if India does not deliver the trade deal he wants.

Trump's snub is a setback not only for the Modi government but also for the wider partnership of the four nations committed to a “free and open Indo-Pacific”, with the explicit aim of containing an expansionist China. With Trump giving the Quad short shrift, the grouping of the United States, India, Australia and Japan – which had gained growing salience in recent years – now risks losing momentum.

For New Delhi, the rapid and dramatic unravelling of its once-close ties with Washington is troubling. Equally concerning has been Trump's renewed outreach to Chinese President Xi Jinping, culminating in their meeting on the margins of the Apec Summit at Busan in South Korea on October 30.

Trump 2.0 has been markedly tougher on India – from punitive tariffs for importing Russian oil to his repeated claims that he “brokered” the India-Pakistan ceasefire in May. As if this was not enough, Trump's close embrace of Pakistan and his fulsome praise of its Field Marshal Asim Munir, whom he has described as his “favourite personality”, have left New Delhi unplussed.

The initial Modi-Trump bonhomie, which saw Modi publicly endorse Trump's re-election bid with the slogan *abki bar* Trump *sarkar*, has long evaporated. The chill is such that Modi chose not to travel to Malaysia for the Asean Summit last month, opting to address it virtually, reportedly to avoid crossing paths with Trump.

The Trump-Xi meeting, their first since 2019, resulted in a temporary truce in the US-China trade war. The two agreed to resume Chinese exports of rare earth minerals and reduce fentanyl-related tariffs on imports from China. The decision to bury the hatchet, even if temporarily, was driven by mutual self-interest and a need to stabilise a strained relationship. It also signalled Trump's penchant for deal-making, while also indicating he is not adverse to

closer engagement with Beijing. Indeed, his triumphant use of the term ‘G-2’ (Group of Two) set alarm bells ringing in countries that have thus far seen Washington as a valuable ally in their efforts to contain China's hegemonic ambitions.

For New Delhi this is particularly disconcerting as Beijing continues its territorial salami-slicing along the 3,488-km Line of Actual Control. While a reset in bilateral ties is now taking place after a prolonged period of confrontation following the Galwan clashes in June 2020, India cannot afford to let its guard down given China's aggressive moves and deepening collusion with Pakistan along the land borders as well as in the maritime domain. China's ever-growing influence in India's immediate neighbourhood also cannot be wished away.

Rebuilding the regional balance

India needs to ensure its partnership with other Quad partners, Japan and Australia, remains sharply focused on the Indo-Pacific. Despite being a close ally of the US, Australia has experienced significant difficulties with Trump over tariffs. It also faced anxiety after the Trump administration threatened a review of the Aukus defence pact.

Japan, too, is integral to the Indo-Pacific. The bilateral ‘Special Strategic and Global Partnership’ serves to “enhance strategic stability in the Indo-Pacific”, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said recently.

Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi, in turn, told Modi that Tokyo intends to continue to work together with New Delhi towards realising a free and open Indo-Pacific, including through the Quad framework.

A hardline conservative and the first woman prime minister of Japan, Takaichi was a protege of slain former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, who was seen as the architect of Japan's Indo-Pacific strategy and the driving force behind the Quad. Though a China hawk, Takaichi, after her recent meeting with Xi on the margins of the APEC Summit said the two sides would build strategic and mutually beneficial ties. However, it's early days yet of her prime ministership, and the trajectory of Tokyo-Beijing ties under Taikichi remains to be seen.

That said, the counterbalance to China in the Indo-Pacific cannot rest on the Quad members alone. India will also need to further shore up its relations with ASEAN member nations, many of whom have been at the receiving end of China's bullying. While India has been making quiet moves to back ASEAN countries, it will need to step up its outreach given the waning interest the US is showing in the Quad. There is no other option for India.

(The writer is a senior journalist)

Bengaluru and beyond: South India’s creative economy in motion

JANAKA PUSHPANATHAN

South India is not just a cultural treasure trove—it is fast becoming a strategic engine of India’s creative economy. The recently concluded 11-day Mysuru Dasara festival offered more than a dazzling display of heritage and celebration; it was a vivid reminder of how creativity fuels commerce, livelihoods, and regional growth.

Under the glow of the illuminated Mysuru Palace, the festival drew thousands of visitors from across India and abroad. The Mysuru Zoo alone welcomed over 1.5 lakh visitors, generating nearly Rs 2 crore in revenue. Hotels across the city reported turnovers exceeding Rs 100 crore in under two weeks. The Dasara Book Festival recorded Rs 96 lakh in sales, while Dharwad’s Nandini unit sold a record 19 tonnes of sweets. The palace itself saw over one lakh tourists. These figures underscore a powerful truth: culture is not just an expression of identity—it is a driver of economic dynamism, entrepreneurship

and job creation.

Festivals such as Mysuru Dasara reflect the creative tide transforming India’s economy. Across South India, celebrations like the Margazhi Music and Dance Festival in Chennai, Thrissur Pooram in Kerala, Bonalu in Telangana, and Karaga in Bengaluru are vital to creative entrepreneurship. They act as living laboratories, showing how tradition can be reimaged through technology, storytelling and design to create scalable value. From the global reach of Carnatic music via streaming platforms to AR/VR-enabled temple experiences, South India demonstrates how cultural heritage can be a launchpad for future-ready creative industries. They bring together artisans, performers, designers, and digital creators, generating employment and tourism.

India’s creative economy is driving new forms of work and growth. It now features prominently in global conversations—from G20 deliberations to UNESCO and UNC-TAD forums – where culture and com-

merce increasingly intersect. Globally, creative industries are growing 15% faster than traditional sectors, forming a market worth over \$1.6 trillion. India’s creative sector is valued at nearly \$30 billion, employing 8% of the workforce and generating over \$11 billion in creative exports. With 2-2.5 million monetised creators influencing \$350–400 billion in consumer spending, the sector could drive over \$1 trillion in creator-led consumption by 2030.

South India – led by Bengaluru, Chennai, Hyderabad, and Thiruvananthapuram – is emerging as the creative heart of the nation. Bengaluru is evolving into a gaming and design hub, leveraging its tech talent and startup ecosystem. Hyderabad has become India’s film capital, home to the world’s largest studio complex – Ramoji Film City – and cutting-edge production houses. Chennai and Thiruvananthapuram nurture talent in performing arts, music, and animation. This growth reflects strategic investments, policy support, and international collaboration.

State-led initiatives and institutional partnerships are laying the foundation for a resilient creative economy. The All-India Initiative on Creative Economy, along with collaborations in AVGC (Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, Comics), crafts, festivals, and music, is catalysing talent development and global engagement, while Tamil Nadu’s MGR Film and Television Institute is modernising training. The British Council–Guidance Tamil Nadu MoU strengthens the state’s creative industries. In Kerala, the British Council’s partnership with the Startup Mission supports creative entrepreneurs. The upcoming National Centre of Excellence for AVGC-XR will help build future-ready skills.

International education and collaboration are critical to building sustainable creative ecosystems. Scholarships at leading UK universities, knowledge exchanges, and cross-border programmes are preparing a new generation of globally competitive creators. Programmes like the GREAT Campaign and Scholars for Out-

standing Undergraduate Talent (SCOUT) enable students from Telangana, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka to pursue international learning that merges creativity with employability.

The story of V Kavya, the daughter of a daily wage worker from Telangana who earned a place at the University of Glasgow, exemplifies how global education transforms lives. The Karnataka State Higher Education Council (KSHEC) selected 30 students from six universities for a two-week immersion at the University of East London. Students from across Tamil Nadu explored data science and AI at Durham University. These initiatives represent strategic investment in human capital, equipping young minds with skills and global connections to lead India’s creative and knowledge economies.

South India’s creative energy is gaining global traction through platforms that connect artists, entrepreneurs, and institutions. The Festivals from India, platform dedicated to showcasing thousands of art

and culture festivals, amplifies the Hyderabad Literary Festival, Bengaluru by Design, International Theatre Festival of Kerala, and Hyderabad Design Week. The UK–India Programme of Cultural Cooperation and the British Council’s Creative Convergence in Bengaluru are convening cultural leaders, policymakers, and changemakers to co-create future-ready ecosystems. These dialogues help shape policy, foster innovation, and build sustainable creative infrastructure.

South India is not merely participating in the global creative economy—it is poised to define it. With its blend of culture, innovation, and entrepreneurship, the region is setting the stage for a new economic narrative – one where creativity is not just celebrated, but strategically harnessed for impact.

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Facing an influx of amphetamines, the kingdom has put hundreds of people to death, many of them foreigners convicted of low-level smuggling

ISMAEL NAAR AND VIVIAN NEREIM

The number of executions in Saudi Arabia has soared as officials wage what they are calling a far-reaching “war on drugs,” deploying the death penalty against smugglers who ferry hashish and amphetamine pills into the kingdom. The Saudi government has disclosed at least 320 executions so far this year. That number has risen sharply over the past three years, despite past pledges by Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman to curb the practice.

Two-thirds of executions this year have been related to drug offenses, according to Reprieve, a human rights group based in London. Saudi officials have argued that drug smugglers deserve harsh punishment because the crime is akin to a violent attack on their conservative Islamic society.

However, human rights activists who track capital punishment cases in the kingdom say that low-income foreigners, from countries including Egypt, Ethiopia and Somalia, are disproportionately represented on death row.

In court documents reviewed by *The New York Times*, and interviews with relatives, some of those facing the death penalty appear to be low-level smugglers who say they were coerced into carrying drugs.

“They are the weakest link in the drug trade,” said Taha al-Hajji, a Saudi lawyer and human rights activist who lives in exile.

Al-Hajji said that many of the defendants sentenced to death for drug offenses are poor foreign citizens, like drivers and labourers. It is unclear if the Saudi government has also arrested and executed major traffickers.

The case of Issam Shazley, an Egyptian fisherman sentenced to death in 2022, exemplifies the inequities of the crackdown, human rights activists say. Shazley, then 24, was arrested by Saudi border guards in 2022 while floating in the narrow channel of water between Saudi Arabia and Egypt’s Sinai Peninsula. In a voice recording from prison, shared with the *Times* by a relative, Shazley said that drug traffickers had forced him onto a boat at gunpoint. Court documents reviewed by the *Times* indicated that he said traffickers had forced him to swim to shore with an inner tube stuffed with pills.

Saudi prosecutors, however, said Shazley had agreed to smuggle 334,000 amphetamine pills in exchange for a payment of around \$3,000. The street value of the pills would be several million dollars. Shazley is now awaiting execution alongside dozens of other prisoners with similar cases.

“We hear the argument that Saudi Arabia is trying to tackle a drug problem, and that may be true, but the way they are going about it is completely wrong,” said Jeed Basyouni, who researches the death penalty in the region for Reprieve. “They are targeting the most vulnerable – foreign nationals, trafficking victims—people who had no power or knowledge of what they were caught in.”

The Saudi government did not respond to questions and requests for comment from the *Times*.

“In the light of their devastating consequences,” some drug crimes are “on a par with murder,” the Saudi government wrote in January, responding to a letter from United Nations special rapporteurs about the planned executions of 29 foreign citizens.

“The death penalty is imposed only for the most serious crimes and in extremely limited circumstances,” the Saudi government wrote.

Crown Prince Mohammed, the 40-year-old *de facto* ruler of Saudi Arabia, has led the kingdom through a dizzying transformation over the past decade, loosening social restrictions while cracking down politically as he tries to turn the country into a global hub for business, technology and tourism.

The religious police, who used to roam the streets stripping for unmarried couples, have been stripped of their powers, allowing teenagers to flirt openly at cafés, local clubs and government-backed raves.

“The same country that promotes concerts and raves is executing people who may have supplied the drugs used at those parties,” Basyouni said.

A decade ago, Saudi Arabia still beheaded convicted criminals in public squares, applying the death penalty for a wide range of offenses, including murder, rape and “sorcery.” But in an interview with *Time* magazine in 2018, Crown Prince Mohammed said that the kingdom would reduce the use of capital punishment, “big time.”

In 2020, the number of executions in Saudi Arabia fell to 27, according to the government-backed Human Rights Commission, which issued a celebratory statement — crediting a previously unannounced moratorium on executions for drug-related crimes. Executions no longer occur in public, according to rights monitors. The Riyadh plaza where people were once beheaded is now a tourist hub where visitors sip matcha lattes.

But in 2022, the moratorium on drug-related executions ended without explanation. Since then, the number of executions has risen to the highest level since rights groups began documenting annual figures in the early 1990s. This year, it is on course to surpass last year’s record high of 345, according to Amnesty International.

So far this year, more than 90 executions have been for charges solely related to hashish, according to Reprieve.

The government’s crackdown on drugs started in 2023, when officials began focusing on dealers and users, and creating public campaigns that warned of the consequences of addiction. It is unclear how widespread drug use is in the kingdom, where public data is limited.

Local media began publishing grim stories like that of Barakat al-Kinani, a Saudi man who was convicted of consuming a methamphetamine and killing a friend, Bandar al-Qarhadi, by setting him on fire. Al-Kinani was executed in 2023. But many of the executions documented by human rights groups are unrelated to violent crimes. Instead, activists say, they target low-level smugglers in cases that are marred by coerced confessions and other issues.

“When we appeared in court, there was no lawyer for us; no one stood on our side,”



A square in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, where public executions took place not long ago, in October 2022. While executions no longer occur in public, the Saudi government has disclosed at least 320 executions so far this year. THE NEW YORK TIMES

Saudi cracks down on drugs, executions near a record high

Hassen Jemal Abdala, an Ethiopian man on death row, said in a phone call in June to activists abroad that was recorded and shared with the *Times*. “We don’t know the language or the country’s law.”

The Saudi government did not respond to a request for comment on his case. The letter from UN special rapporteurs noted that in court documents they had reviewed for five men facing the death penalty, only one had a court-appointed lawyer, and the other four did not appear to have legal representation.

In the recording, Hassen, 35, said he had entered Saudi Arabia as a migrant without legal permission, hoping to find a job, but was arrested at the border. In early August, he was executed after being accused of smuggling drugs, according to Eskinder Gedlu, an Ethiopian activist in Washington who has organised protests and vigils for Hassen and others facing the death penalty in Saudi Arabia. The Saudi government has not published an execution notice for someone by that name but announced in August that an Ethiopian citizen had been executed for smuggling hashish. It is unclear if that was the same man; Eskinder said he believed it was.

Dozens of East African men accused of smuggling have been executed since January, according to Amnesty International. “It’s like they are being dragged to the slaughterhouse and no one cares,” Eskinder said.

The New York Times

Mamdani and a New Hope

CHAITANYA NETKALAPPA

Despite my background in economics and despite my being no fan of the Communists (Donald Trump dismissively called Zohran Mamdani one), I find it difficult to describe Mamdani’s win in New York’s mayoral election in terms other than ‘A New Hope’. Admittedly, this was the sentiment echoed by millions around the world, including me, after Barack Obama was elected President in 2008. Of course, in a mayoral election, the stakes are lower; the political platform matters, too – Mamdani has identified himself as a Democratic Socialist. What does Zohran Mamdani’s ascendancy mean for the Left, which has been hollowed out around the world in a cascade of election victories for the rising Right? Can the symbolism of his win spell ideological and political revival for a beleaguered Left?

On Donald Trump’s election in 2016, I wrote that this seems not so much a win for an anti-establishment Right but rather a disfigured Right; a Right that represented much of the same causes that the Right has stood for since the 1970s; a Right that had simply marketed itself differently as the champion of the working people, all the while promoting tax cuts for the rich, and being anti-affirmative action and anti-abortion. Thus, I wrote that Donald Trump was the paragon of American Capital winning in the beacon of capitalism, America. Trump’s victory was the logical endgame of a Left that abandoned its base and made deals with the Devil. Since Ronald Reagan and Maggie Thatcher, the Left parties in the Anglo-Saxon world have increasingly colluded with the Right to favour the rich and the powerful. This was the New Left, which promoted economic growth in the hope of taxing a bit more than the Right, redistributing a bit more than the Right, all the while hoping, with everyone else, for trickle-down economics to do its magic.

Zohran Mamdani abandons this playbook lock, stock, and barrel and proves that grassroots movements on the Left can work. Freeze the Rent – a slogan that should send chills down my spine – seems to make sense in an era of unbridled inequality. Every economist knows that price is a function of supply and demand; that you cannot legislate a price with-

out unintended consequences; that if you freeze the rent below market standard, you create an artificial mismatch between supply and demand, taking supply off the market, creating an even greater problem. But then, how else do you make housing more affordable in the short term? Capitalism may work and may work especially well in the long run, but in the long run, as Keynes said, we are all dead.

A higher minimum wage, similarly, cannot work. But how do you ensure fair wages for low-income people? You can invest in education, skill-ing, and improving productivity, of course, but those are generational investments. How do you improve living standards now, for real people?

Of course, there is no free lunch. Democratic Socialist agendas come with costs that will be borne by the taxpayer. But in the final analysis, is small-government, low-tax capitalism better for the average worker? That worker gets the latest iPhone, not to mention cheap Chinese toys for the children, but is that much help when he or she gets laid off after being diagnosed with cancer? Capitalism makes luxuries affordable and necessities unaffordable, and this is what Mamdani seeks to fix.

I must say, however, that the loss of Bernie Sanders and the win of Zohran Mamdani send a cautionary signal to the Left that radical policies may work in isolation, in mayoral elections in the bluest of cities, but they are unlikely to gain traction in major Presidential races for the simple reason that running a country is far more complex and its scale significantly different from administering a city or state.

Policies like freezing the rent and ensuring a living wage get more traction than Utopian pipe dreams like a Green New Deal. Micro interventions, rather than macro readjustments, may just be the way forward for the Left. This is neither Old Left nor New Left but maybe just pragmatic, responsive Left – a Left that listens to the average person and gives them what they want rather than prescribing and pontificating from high horses the ‘best’ or ‘correct’ solutions they just know would fix everything that may not need fixing.

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OUR PAGES OF HISTORY

50 YEARS AGO: NOVEMBER 1975

Accord reached with Nagas

Shillong, November 11
The 20-year-old Naga problem has been virtually solved following an agreement between the Government of India and the Naga delegation representing underground organisations on “basic issues” at the two-day Naga peace talks, which concluded here tonight. A joint statement handed over to reporters by the Governor of Nagaland, Mr L. P. Singh, at the end of the historic accord at Raj Bhawan here evening said: “As a result of these discussions, an agreement on basic issues has been reached. To facilitate its implementation, the Governor has agreed to suspend action under the UAPA.”

25 YEARS AGO: NOVEMBER 2000

Emissaries leave on sixth mission

Chennai, Nov 11
Nakkeeran editor and official emissary of the Tamil Nadu and Karnataka Governments R R Gopal and Tamil Nationalist Movement leader P Nedumaran, accompanied by two human rights activists, left for Erode late tonight en route to the Sathyamangalam forests for the sixth round of negotiations with forest brigand Veerappan and his aide Nagesh being held hostage for over 100 days now. Mr Gopal was accompanied by his magazine reporters, Sivasubramaniam and Subbu, and videographer Bala Murugan.

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Reflections on nature’s design

Sustainability is a buzzword in today’s world, but what does nature’s grand design reveal about it? The passing of our neighbour’s beloved pet Daisy, who lived a full 12 years and left behind a legacy of scores of puppies, prompts us to ponder the meaning of life and death.

Nature operates on a spectrum of time scales, with physical laws governing the universe over billions of years, chemical interactions playing out over millions of years, and biological life spans measured in mere decades. In this grand design, individual lives are fleeting and ephemeral. Daisy’s passing is a poignant reminder of this reality.

Life is believed to be an accidental



outcome of a chemical soup aeons ago. Of the several goals of living organisms, adjusting to the odds of the environment with the main objective of procreation seems to take precedence.

From a biological perspective, life seems to be driven by the imperative to procreate and ensure the continuation of species. Once this purpose is fulfilled, nature appears to have no further use for individuals, and they fade away. This cycle is evident in the animal kingdom, where most species don’t live long after their reproductive peak. Humans and certain whales are exceptions, with extended post-reproductive

lifespans that may be linked to evolutionary benefits related to nurturing their offspring and grandchildren.

Man’s search for truth through science and other avenues in their lifetime by itself does not seem to be a reason for their long life in nature’s design.

Let’s go back in time to reflect on where the permanence in nature is.

Physical laws like gravity, electromagnetic propagation, and relativity exhibit permanence and unwavering sustainability. These fundamental principles have governed the universe since the Big Bang, providing a sense of constancy amidst change.

After this, chemical interactions

seem to have taken hold in more observable nearness. Most of the 90-odd elements settled from the gaseous state to the liquid and then solid state over millions of years, interacting with each other and losing their prime identity, with the exception of gold, platinum, etc., which are known for their resistance to many chemical reactions. There is change in general and no long-term sustainability.

Nature seems to work on constant changes: long-term in physical sciences, brief in the chemical world and minuscule in the biological realm, where there is no purpose in life after the productive period. That is nature’s design.

Poor Daisy is no exception.

The white-collar terror module

WHO ARE THE 5 DOCTORS AND THEIR NETWORK?

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 **Dr Muzammil Ahmad Ganaie** alias **Musaib**, resident of Koil area of Pulwama. Working at Al-Falah Medical College.
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 **Dr Adeel Ahmad Rather**, resident of south Kashmir's Anantnag. Working at V Bros Hospitals, Saharanpur.
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 **Dr Muzammil Shakeel**, a teacher at Al-Falah Medical College. Explosives and weapons were recovered from his Dhauj accommodation.
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 **Dr Shaheen Sayeed**, associated with Al-Falah Medical College, was leading the Jaish-e-Mohammed's women recruitment wing in India. She headed the Jamaat-ul-Mominat, the group's female wing.
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 **Dr Umar Nabi**, resident of Pulwama in south Kashmir, has emerged as prime suspect in the car blast. He was a doctor at Al-Falah Medical College. He allegedly carried out the terror attack as he feared he might be caught like his fellow doctors.

Educated, urbane, and unsuspected individuals providing cover and logistics for the terrorist network



Ammonium Nitrate

Ammonium Nitrate is a dual-use chemical, widely valued as a popular nitrogen fertiliser and used extensively in the construction sector for controlled blasting in stone quarries. However, due to its

volatile nature when combined with other chemicals including Potassium Chlorate and Sulphur, it became a favourite component for improvised explosive devices (IEDs) used by terror groups.

The Al-Falah University at Dhauj in Haryana's Faridabad district, around 45 km from Delhi, is a privately run and recognised by the University Grants Commission.

CITY CELLS: Red Fort explosion and Faridabad arms haul expose ISI's new urban strategy

Doctor to bomber: The educated face of terror

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The Red Fort blast in Delhi, which killed 12 people on Monday, and the recovery of 2,900 kilograms of bomb-making material from two rented rooms in Haryana's Faridabad, have brought to light a chilling new dimension in India's security landscape—white-collar radicalisation.

The suspected involvement of three Kashmiri doctors in the conspiracy has stunned investigators and exposed a disturbing transformation in the country's terror ecosystem.

Officials say the incident marks a shift from conventional militancy to a more insidious form of extremism, where educated professionals are being drawn into Pakistan-backed networks operating quietly from within Indian cities.

The revelations have also renewed fears that the ISI may be attempting to revive its 1990s and 2000s strategy of carrying out coordinated blasts in major Indian metros, even as terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir has been nearly wiped out.

Forensic analysis has revealed that chemical traces from the blast site match the ammonium nitrate recovered in Faridabad, indicating a direct link between the two incidents. The Delhi Police have registered a case under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), a law invoked in terror cases.

Three weeks before the blast near the iconic Red Fort, posters supporting terror outfit Jaish-e-Mohammad appeared in several parts of Srinagar. The Jammu and Kashmir police launched an investigation that led them to Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and the national capital. Their probe also uncovered a fundamental shift in terror recruitment, which they described as a "white-collar terror ecosystem".

Three Kashmiri doctors — Adeel Ahmad Rather, Muzammil Shakeel and Umar Mohammed — are being investigated in connection with the blast. The arrest of Rather and Shakeel in Uttar Pradesh's Saharanpur and Haryana's Faridabad, respectively, led to the recovery of a huge amount of material used in bomb-making.

SHIFT IN TACTICS

■ Three Kashmiri doctors under probe for role in conspiracy

■ Investigators trace radicalisation via encrypted channels

■ Pak's ISI suspected of reviving 1990s-style bombing strategy

■ Officials say battlefield has shifted from mountains to the mind

Sources said initial investigations suggest the three doctors became acquainted through medical networks before being radicalised online through encrypted channels that pushed extremist propaganda disguised as humanitarian and religious outreach. Intelligence agencies believe the module had possible links with handlers across the border, indicating the involvement of Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI).

Officials believe the emergence of educated professionals reflects a shift in ISI's strategy. With terror incidents in Jammu and Kashmir at an all-time low and local recruitment into militancy nearly at zero, Pakistan is said to be focusing on cultivating educated radicals in the mainland. The goal is to replicate the urban bombing campaigns of the 1990s and 2000s—when Delhi, Mumbai and Jaipur were targeted—but using operatives who can blend seamlessly into professional settings.

"This is a new kind of threat—the radicalisation of professionals who use their intellect and access to technology to further extremist causes," a counterterrorism official said.



Relatives of victims, who died in the blast near Red Fort metro station, mourn, in New Delhi, on Tuesday. PTI



Police personnel at the site in the aftermath of the blast that occurred near Red Fort Metro Station, in New Delhi, on Tuesday. PTI

Uneasy calm in Chandni Chowk

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NEW DELHI, DHNS

A day after the blast outside Red Fort, the usually bustling Chandni Chowk was gripped by the unfamiliar sound of silence.

The lanes were nearly empty and the shutters were down. The road leading up to the blast site, which lies exactly opposite the Red Fort, was cordoned off.

Watchmaker Sushil Garg, whose shop is situated behind the Digambar Jain temple, a few metres from the blast site, said he was tending to a customer when the blast rocked the area.

"It was 6:15 pm when the blast took place. People ran helter-skelter, and I saw a massive cloud of smoke. Lots of policemen took over the area and we left for home in some time through the back alleys as the main roads were shut," Garg said.

Satish, a shopkeeper, said he was standing outside his shop when the blast took place. "We saw some body parts fall as far as the Gauri Shankar temple," he said.

Ved Pal, a pushkart seller,



A security personnel keeps a watch over the blast site (covered by a white tent). DH PHOTO

who was near the blast site, said he ran after the blast took place. "I saw cars on fire as I ran for my life, and I saw some people on fire. It was scary," he said.

While the Red Fort area remained cordoned off throughout the day, by early evening, the Chandni Chowk area saw some brisk activity, with people coming in from the back alleys of Jama Masjid via Daribha Kalan.

Mohammad Riyaz said he ventured out as his child was adamant about buying a bicycle.

Iconic shops like the Natraj Bhalle seller, the various bridal wear shops and the Chandni Chowk Haldiram's all opened by late afternoon.



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In LNJP Hospital, where the injured are being treated, four people are critical as per hospital officials.

"As many as five bodies are unrecognisable," said an official from the hospital mortuary. The body of a rickshaw puller from Shastri Nagar was taken by the family members late Tuesday evening, the official added.

Delhi unit Congress president Devender Yadav, who went to meet the injured at the LNJP Hospital on Tuesday, said while the arrangements have been commendable, the security lapse is questionable.

"Several such security lapses have taken place in the last few months. The prime minister should have been here, lending his support to all the affected, but he chose to be in Bhutan," Yadav said.

Pulwama family in shock

SRINAGAR, DHNS: Umar Nabi, a young doctor from Pulwama in south Kashmir, has emerged as the prime suspect in the car blast near Delhi's Red Fort. His family, shocked by the revelation, insists he could not have been involved in terror activities.

Investigators have identified Dr Nabi (34) as the man allegedly driving the white Hyundai i20 that exploded near the parking area of the Red Fort Metro Station.

The explosion has been linked to a recently busted terror module in Faridabad, where police recovered nearly 2,900 kg of explosives and inflammable material from the possession of two more Kashmiri doctors.

Nabi's family in Pulwama is in disbelief. "He called us on Friday, saying he was busy with examinations and would come home in three days," said



Security personnel conduct searches at a house in Srinagar on Tuesday. PTI

Muzamil, his sister-in-law. "We struggled for years to get him educated. He was never into politics or violence. This is impossible to believe."

Umar had last visited Kashmir two months ago, Muzamil said.

On Tuesday, Jammu and Kashmir Police collected DNA samples from Nabi's mother in Pulwama to match with human remains recovered

Suspected bomber stayed inside car for over 3 hours: Police

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NEW DELHI, DHNS

The suspected bomber in the blast near Delhi's Red Fort area that killed 12 people stayed inside the car for more than 3 hours at the parking lot before the explosion, police said.

"CCTV footage has revealed that the car was first spotted outside the Asian Hospital in Faridabad at approximately 7.30 am. At 3.19 pm, the car entered a parking area adjacent to the Red Fort complex. The suspect, Umar Mohammad, remained inside the parked car for more than three hours before the explosion. According to investigators, Umar left the parking area at 6.48 pm. Footage shows the occupant of the car did not even get out of the car for a second when the car was parked. He was either waiting for someone or awaiting instructions in the parking lot," police sources said.

Barely 24 minutes after the vehicle left the parking area, at around 6.52 pm, a power-

ful explosion tore through the moving car. The blast ripped apart the vehicle, scattered body parts across the road, shattered windows of nearby buildings and the metro station, and triggered panic among locals and tourists.

The police said they were analysing CCTV footage collected from across Delhi and adjoining National Capital Region areas to track the car's movements and identify anyone who may have been in contact with it during the day.

Another police source said the car was also seen outside a petrol pump, where it went to get a pollution certificate.

Searches in Faridabad

Separately, an extensive search operation was conducted in parts of Faridabad on Tuesday, a day after 2,900 kg of explosives and inflammable material were recovered from two rented rooms of a Kashmiri doctor.

A preliminary probe into the blast has suggested links to the alleged terror module uncovered in Faridabad.

Investigators suspect accidental detonation

NEW DELHI, DHNS: Did the bomber trigger the explosion by accident rather than intentionally? Investigative agencies now suspect so.

Police sources said the bomber, who was carrying explosives in a car, may have been transporting them either to relocate to another hideout, plant at different sites, or dispose of them. When the car was halted at a traffic signal near the Red Fort, it exploded.

"Since no crater was formed and no projectiles were found at the blast site, it clearly indicates that the device was not configured for maximum damage. While transporting explosives for relocation, it must have accidentally detonated," an official said.

Police raids at several locations and recovery of 2,900 kg of bomb-making chemicals in Faridabad may have triggered panic among the suspects, prompting them to attempt relocating the explosives, an official said.

1,500 detained in Kashmir amid crackdown on 'terror support'

SRINAGAR, DHNS: In one of the largest coordinated crackdowns in recent months, the J&K Police have detained around 1,500 individuals across the Valley over the past three days in what officials described as a "pre-emptive strike" aimed at dismantling the terror support network.

"Around 1,500 suspects have been picked up across Kashmir," a senior police officer told *DH*, adding that those detained include suspected overground workers (OGWs), sympathisers, and family members of militants believed to be operating from across the border.

According to officials, the sweeping operation is part of ongoing "non-kinetic measures" designed to neutralise individuals accused of sustaining or facilitating the "terror ecosystem" in the Union Territory. "The idea is to ensure that anyone attempting to revive militant networks or aid them is kept under constant watch and pressure," the officer said.

Officials emphasised that the detentions are not arbitrary but part of a broader intelligence-based operation targeting individuals under surveillance for their suspected involvement in aiding militants.

Blast highlights security gaps in used-car trade

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India's used-car market, which rivals new car sales in volume, needs stricter vigilance and tighter regulations, intelligence department officials said in the wake of the car blast in Delhi.

The Hyundai i20, involved in the blast, was traced through a chain of ownership: from Mohammed Salman to Devender, then Aamir, followed by Tariq, and finally to Dr Umar Nabi.

"In fact, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, and Delhi have emerged as key drivers

of the used-car boom. This calls for greater vigilance and stronger security measures. In the Delhi case, available information suggests the car is still registered in the name of Salman, the first owner. This is a serious issue and an eye-opener," an official of Maharashtra's State Intelligence Department (SID) told *DH* on Tuesday.

"A pre-owned or second-hand car is a vehicle that has previously had one or more retail owners. Such cars are sold through various outlets," the official said, adding that several dealers have mushroomed in major cities

across India.

"The dealerships are now part of a highly organised sector. Registration remains one of the biggest issues—document forgery and difficulties in verifying legal or accident history are widespread problems," he added.

He said the government needs to frame new rules for pre-owned car dealerships and registration procedures. "Cars and SUVs have often been used in crimes, including terrorism. Pre-owned vehicles without proper registration papers give perpetrators a higher level of anonymity," he said.

Azhar, and under her direction, she was reportedly planning to establish the women's wing of the group in the country.

Reports said Shaheen worked at Al Falah University in Faridabad. She was arrested by the Jammu & Kashmir Police after a tip-off from Muzammil Ahmed, who had been taken into custody earlier.

Police recovered an AK-47 rifle from Shaheen's car.

Women's outfit

The announcement of Jamaat-ul-Mominaat's formation was made through a letter in the name of JeM chief and UN-designated terrorist Masood Azhar in October, with Sadiya Azhar being nominated

FEMALE RADICALISATION

■ Lucknow doctor arrested in Faridabad

■ Allegedly maintained contact with Masood Azhar's sister

■ Police recover AK-47 rifle from her car

■ Surveillance intensified amid concerns of female radicalisation

as its chief.

Sadiya is the wife of Yusuf Azhar, who was among those killed during Operation Sindoor on May 7, when India struck JeM's headquarters at

UP ATS conducts raids, five detained

SANJAY PANDEY
LUCKNOW, DHNS

The Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) of the Uttar Pradesh police, along with a team of the J&K Police, on Tuesday conducted raids at different places in the state in connection with Monday's car blast in Delhi.

According to the sources, the cops raided the residence of one Dr Parvez Ansari in Madiaon locality in the town, but Ansari was not found.

It may be recalled that Dr Adeel Ahmad Rather, who was arrested earlier and is suspected to be a part of the 'white-col-



A joint probe team at the residence of Shaheen Sayeed in Lucknow. PTI

lar terror module", operated a hospital in Saharanpur.

Sources said Ansari's car was

registered at Saharanpur and carried a gate pass of a private University here.

Sources said five people, who were suspected of having a connection with Adeel, have been detained and are being quizzed.

The sleuths were trying to identify those who often met Adeel at the latter's hospital at night.

Meanwhile, an alert was sounded in UP following Monday's car blast and security was tightened at all sensitive places. Security was tightened at Ram Temple in Ayodhya and other important religious places, railway and bus stations.

ABHISHEK BANERJEE
TMC general secretary



It is extremely distressing that such an incident has taken place in the heart of our National Capital. The Delhi Police, which is directly under the Union Home Ministry, bears the primary responsibility for maintaining law and order. How, then, are such grave lapses in security being allowed to occur?

AKHILESH YADAV
SP chief



It is extremely tragic that so many lives were lost at such a significant place. The truth must come out: who were the conspirators, why intelligence agencies repeatedly come under question whenever such incidents occur.

CPM

It is deeply disturbing to learn from reports that large quantities of explosives and firearms have been discovered in areas around Delhi, which are now being linked to the attack. It is the responsibility of the govt to uncover it and bring all the perpetrators to justice.

Nithari killings: SC acquits Surendra Koli in last pending case

Says conviction based on evidence deemed unreliable violates Article 21

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NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Supreme Court on Tuesday set free Surendra Koli, a domestic help in the last case of the sensational 2006 Nithari killings of Noida, by allowing his curative petition.

A bench of Chief Justice of India B R Gavai and Justices Surya Kant and Vikram Nath exercised the curative jurisdiction, which existed to prevent abuse of process and to cure a gross miscarriage of justice, as held in Rupa Ashok Hurra Vs Ashok Hurra (2002).

“The offences in Nithari were heinous, and the suffering of the families is beyond measure. It is a matter of

deep regret that despite prolonged investigation, the identity of the actual perpetrator has not been established in a manner that meets the legal standards,” the bench said.

The court opined it was genuinely unfortunate that in the present matter, negligence and delay corroded the fact-finding process and foreclosed avenues that might have identified the true offender.

The bench noted in 12 companion prosecutions founded on the same confession and recoveries, the High Court acquitted the petitioner on October 16, 2023, and on July 30, 2025, this court dismissed the State appeals and affirmed those acquittals.

The petition by Koli highlighted that irreconcilable outcomes have arisen on an identical evidentiary framework and that a manifest miscarriage of justice remained



Surendra Koli

despite the dismissal of review in the rape and murder case of a 15-year-old.

His conviction was upheld by the Supreme Court in February 2011, and his review plea was dismissed in 2014.

Agreeing to his submission, the bench said, “Arbitrary disparity in outcomes on an identical record is inimical to equality before the law. The curative jurisdiction exists to prevent precisely such anomalies from hardening into precedent.”

Though the petitioner’s death sentence in this case was commuted to imprisonment for life on January 28, 2015, the conviction continued to carry the gravest consequences, the court said.

“To allow a conviction to stand on an evidentiary basis that this court has since rejected as involuntary or inadmissible in the very same fact matrix offends Article 21 of the Constitution. It also violates Article 14 of the Constitution, since like cases must be treated alike,” the bench said.

Six Naxalites killed in encounter with security forces in Ch'garh

BIJAPUR, PTI: Six Naxalites were killed in an encounter with security personnel in Chhattisgarh’s Bijapur district on Tuesday, police said.

Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai lauded the operation, describing it as another step towards the eradication of the Maoist menace.

The gunfight broke out at around 10 am in the Indravati National Park area when a joint team of security personnel was out on anti-Naxalite operation based on inputs about the presence of senior Maoist cadres in the region, Bijapur Superintendent of Police Jitendra Yadav said.

Intermittent exchange of fire continued for several hours, the SP said, adding that during the search of the

encounter site, the bodies of six Maoists with automatic weapons, including an INSAS rifle, sten guns, a .303 rifle and explosives, were found. Additional teams of DRG, STF, Bastar Fighters, CRPF and Chhattisgarh Armed Force were rushed to cordon off the area and nab fleeing Maoist cadres, he added.

The operation was still underway, said Yadav.

Meanwhile, in a separate operation, an injured Naxalite was apprehended following an encounter between security forces and Maoists in the forest of Annaram village in Tarlaguda area of Bijapur, police said.

With the latest action, 259 Naxalites have been killed in encounters this year.

‘Obviously delirious’: India rejects Sharif’s blast charge

NEW DELHI DHNS

After Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif blamed India for the explosion at the entrance of a judicial complex in Islamabad, New Delhi not only called him ‘obviously delirious’, but also accused him of trying to cover up the power grab in his country by the military chief Field Marshal Asim Munir.

New Delhi has rejected the allegation about its role in the explosion in Islamabad, but also accused Shehbaz Sharif and his ministers of trying to cover up the constitutional subversion and power grab by the military in Pakistan – making a not-so-veiled reference to the proposed 27th amendment to the neigh-

bouring country’s constitution. The amendment, already passed by the Senate of the bicameral Parliament of Pakistan, will give Munir absolute control over not only the army, but also the navy and the air force.

The blast in front of a judicial complex housing the Islamabad District Court in the national capital of Pakistan on Tuesday killed at least 12 people, including several lawyers. The incident took place just a day after 10 people had been killed in an explosion in front of the Red Fort in New Delhi.

“These attacks are a continuation of India’s state-sponsored terrorism aimed at destabilizing Pakistan,” Sharif said, vowing to continue the war against terrorism until the

elimination of the last terrorists of the ‘Fitna-e-Hindustan’ and ‘Fitna-e-Khawarij’ – the Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA) and the Tehreek e Taliban Pakistan (TTP). He alleged that the terror strikes in Pakistan were being carried out from Afghanistan with the ‘patronage’ of India.

“India has unequivocally rejects the baseless and unfounded allegations being made by an obviously delirious Pakistani leadership,” Randhir Jaiswal, the spokesperson of the Ministry of External Affairs said. “It is a predictable tactic by Pakistan to concoct false narratives against India in order to deflect attention of its own public from the ongoing military-inspired constitutional subversion .

India may provide ‘visa on arrival’ for medical treatment: Piyush Goyal

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NEW DELHI, DHNS

India may provide medical ‘visa on arrival’ facilities for many countries, including the US and most European nations, with which New Delhi shares a “fair amount of comfort”, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said on Tuesday.

Speaking at a health summit organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Goyal said the visa-on-arrival facility would help boost India’s health tourism. The minister said India’s share is miniscule in the global health and wellness tourism, which is valued at around \$800 billion.

Earlier, the industry lobby

CII pitched for extending the visa-on-arrival facility to boost the country’s medical tourism.

Reacting to the industry body suggestion, Goyal said, “The idea about the visa on arrival is a good idea. We will pursue that.”

“Of course, one will have to look at what the certification will be and which are the countries where we can allow that,”

he added. The minister pointed out that India already allows visas on arrival and e-visa facilities for people of some selected countries.

“For many countries, we allow visas on arrival, and we allow e-visas. Both of these can be considered, let’s say, for the United States, most of the European countries, not all, by the

way, and most of the countries where we have a fair amount of comfort and where detailed investigations or inquiries are not required,” the minister said.

Goyal asked CII to prepare an action agenda to boost medical tourism in the country. He suggested that hospitals can reserve upto 10% of their facilities for foreign patients.

MISCELLANY

◆ COMICS ◆

Blondie



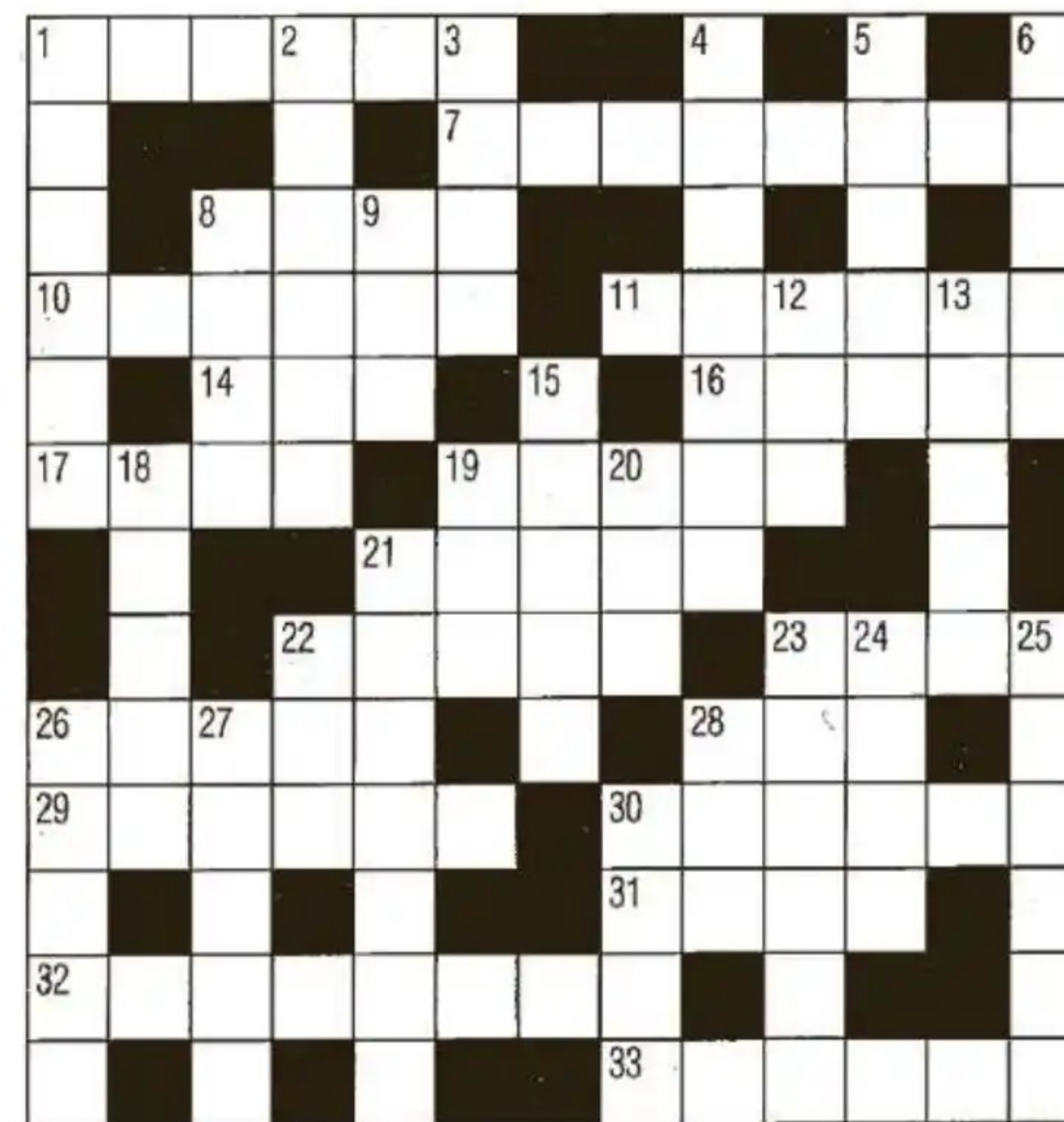
Beetle Bailey



Marvin



CROSSWORD CHALLENGE 12286



- ACROSS**
- Run aground (6)
 - Australian city (8)
 - Abominable snowman (4)
 - Planet (6)
 - Find (6)
 - Managed (3)
 - Landed estate (5)
 - Crazes (4)
 - Boy’s name (5)
 - Cheroot (5)
 - Of the moon (5)
 - Gaming cubes (4)
 - Sake (5)
 - Ventilate (3)
 - Cream cake (6)
 - Illusion (6)
 - Paradise (4)
 - Confident (8)
 - Cauldron (6)
- DOWN**
- Untidy person (6)
 - Stadia (6)
 - Podium (4)
 - Type of loaf (7)
 - Giant (5)
 - Underground drain (5)
 - Unit of length (4)
 - Beer cask (3)
 - Vehicle (3)
 - Poisonous (5)
 - Boy’s name (5)
 - Garret (5)
 - Narrow brooch (3)
 - Pitch (3)
 - Inquisitive (7)
 - Meadow (3)
 - Straightforward (6)
 - Country (4)
 - Appear (6)
 - Poetry (5)
 - Cheap wine (5)
 - Help (3)
 - Humble (4)

- ACROSS**
- It’s a beast, boys! (6)
 - Just one delivery, then away for a rest (3,5)
 - She’s less than average (4)
 - Hurt when paid out only a quarter! (6)
 - When the referee’s sick, replacement is called for (6)
 - Very experienced in wool dyeing (3)
 - The old aircraft arrived, then left (5)
 - Depend on us returning, surely (4)
 - Tryingly peevish? (5)
 - Loser’s replacement parts (5)
 - Poet who made many a bet (5)
 - What the Apache warrior had to do with his teeth (4)
 - Old city so backwardly modern (5)
 - Also a kind of shirt and a pair of spectacles (3)
 - Thin coverings of strewn petals (6)
 - Would a hat trick go to his head? (6)
 - Study once more the advertisement (4)
 - Do the ironing, but cut down the quantity (8)
 - In broad terms, we idly shuffled around (6)
- DOWN**
- Stone jar containing some specimens (6)
 - How one resents being cut? (6)
 - Burden of love concealed by a swain (4)
 - Takes exception to things in general (7)
 - Material in overall use (5)
 - Jolly piratical bonehead? (5)
 - Instrument a violinist can arrange to sit in with? (4)
 - Angry about a dunderhead (3)
 - At the end of the day, she makes a fresh start! (3)
 - Go half a mile, just a short way (5)
 - Goes into dissolution and vanishes (5)
 - Praise one’s former spouse to a pupil (5)
 - Not over heavy? (3)
 - Act as observer (3)
 - In his high position, could he possibly see Mars? (7)
 - Little girl making a point (3)
 - He hasn’t the heart to disperse a crowd (6)
 - Keep having bits of holidays (4)
 - Cautiously cunning about my leaving the army (6)
 - A card that’s useful in digs (5)
 - Hop about when caned (5)
 - Kick to one side (3)
 - Make beer, soundly, in the broom cupboard (4)

CRYPTIC

SOLUTIONS TO CROSSWORD 12285

CRYPTIC

ACROSS: 1, A-by-ss 6, Ca-U-se 9, Car-eful 10, Relay 11, Rainy 12, Brass 13, Stra-ye-d 15, Cop 17, Chub 18, Grouse 19, S-Tory 20, Nob-les 22, Cite (sight) 24, Tay(-side) 25, De-bat-er 26, Be-Gl-n 27, LIV-er 28, Guest 29, Last out 30, She’ll 31, M-err-y.

DOWN: 2, Breath 3, Scarab 4, Sa-y 5, H-E-ard 6, Cursory 7, Alas 8, Santos 12, Be-L-ts 13, Scan-t 14, Rugby 15, Cubit 16, Peter 18, Green (belt) 19, Severnal 21, Oafish 22, Canute 23, Teaser 25, Ditto 26, Bell 28, Gum.

EASY

ACROSS: 1, Below 6, Gamut 9, Bafeul 10, Hefty 11, Apace 12, Hears 13, Musical 15, Sob 17, Alan 18, Temple 19, Board 20, Italic 22, Font 24, Con 25, Regales 26, Tyres 27, Panic 28, Wards 29, Placard 30, Posse 31, Yemen.

DOWN: 2, Eye-ful 3, Obtain 4, Way 5, Jewel 6, Guarded 7, Alps 8, Uncool 12, Havoc 13, Magic 14, Satan 15, Spool 16, Beats 18, Tries 19, Bicycle 21, Tomato 22, Facade 23, Needle 25, Reach 26, Tips 28, Wry.

Hagar The Horrible



Peanuts



◆ SU-DO-KU-6749 ◆

	8			2	5	6
9			4			
		3			4	7
	4		2	6		
	7			3		
5	2			4		
			3			4
3	1	8			9	

very hard

2	6	9	4	5	1	8	7	3
4	3	8	7	9	6	2	1	5
7	1	5	2	3	8	9	4	6
3	9	1	5	2	7	6	8	4
5	7	6	8	4	3	1	2	9
8	4	2	3	1	9	5	3	7
9	8	3	1	7	5	4	6	2
1	5	4	9	6	2	7	3	8
6	2	7	3	8	4	5	9	1

SOLUTION TO 6748

To solve the puzzle: To solve a su-do-ku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows, and in each of the nine boxes.

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Triple Word Score

RACK 1

Double Word Score

RACK 2

2nd Letter Double

RACK 3

PAR SCORE 190-200

by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in the Collins English Dictionary. JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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RACK 1 = 104

RACK 2 = 77

RACK 3 = 107

RACK 4 = 98

PAR SCORE 255-265

JUDD'S TOTAL

HITORI-3203

1	4	6	5	3	1	2	1
3	8	2	4	5	5	6	1
7	2	8	6	5	2	3	1
3	3	4	1	1	6	3	8
5	1	4	3	7	2	1	6
2	8	1	7	4	4	3	5
5	1	1	2	6	7	8	7
6	7	3	3	8	3	5	4

SOLUTION TO 3202

2	5	7	6	8		1	
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	6	8		3	2	4	
8		4	7	5		6	2
3	2	1		4	8	7	
	1	3	2		6	5	4
7	4	6		1		3	
1		5	8	7	3	2	6

To solve the puzzle: Eliminate numbers by filling in squares so that remaining cells in that row or column do not repeat that number more than once. Filled-in cells cannot be horizontally or vertically adjacent. The un-filled cells must form a single component connected horizontally and vertically.

KAKURO - 3203

SOLUTION TO 3202

14	3	8	2	9	6	8	9	4	5
13	3	4	7	1	9	3	3	1	
9	4	6	3	7	8	5			
16	5	2	1	2	6	4	9		
15	7	2	1	8	6	9	8	7	
19	8	1	5	9	1	6	6	2	
12	9	3	7	5	8	2	17		
14	3	5	7	3	2	1	2	1	8
19	8	1	3	2	1	2	9		
14	1	3	4	9	7	5	8		
	6	8				3	9		

To solve the puzzle: Put a number from 1 through 9 in a cell. No zeros. A number in a cell separated by diagonal line tells the sum of numbers in consecutive cells at its right or downward. No number may appear more than once in consecutive cells.

SU DO KU X - 3733

						2	4
	9	6		7		3	
				5	9		7
						1	
4			5				
		5		8			
9				3			1
		3		1			
		7			4		

SOLUTION TO 3732

7	1	4	6	9	3	8	2	5
8	9	3	2	5	1	7	4	6
5	6	2	8	7	4	1	3	9
2	3	6	1	8	9	4	5	7
9	8	7	4	3	5	6	1	2
1	4	5	7	2	6	3	9	8
3	7	8	9	4	2	5	6	1
4	2	1	5	6	7	9	8	3
6	5	9	3	1	8	2	7	4

To solve the puzzle: The objective is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column, each 3x3 box and each shaded diagonal line contains the same number only once.

Venezuela
prepares for
guerrilla war if
US attacks

REUTERS: Venezuela is deploying weapons – including decades-old Russian-made equipment – and is preparing to mount a guerrilla-style resistance or sow chaos in the event of a US air or ground attack, according to sources with knowledge of the efforts and planning documents seen by Reuters.

The approach is a tacit admission of the South American country's shortage of personnel and equipment. US President Donald Trump has suggested the possibility of ground operations in Venezuela, saying "the land is going to be next", following multiple strikes on alleged drug-trafficking vessels in the Caribbean and a large US military build-up. He later denied considering strikes inside Venezuela.

Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro, in power since 2013, says Trump is seeking to oust him and that Venezuelan citizens and the military will resist any such attempt.

'Pretty close' to sealing trade pact with India: Trump

New Delhi says no compromise on interests of farmers

NEW DELHI, DHNS

The US will lower tariffs on India "at some point" as the South Asian nation reduces its oil imports from Russia, President Donald Trump said, adding that the two sides were "pretty close" to a "fair trade deal".

New Delhi, however, struck a cautious note, with Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal stating that India would not compromise the interests of farmers and dairy workers. He made the remark in New Delhi on Tuesday, only hours after Trump expressed optimism, about finalising the trade pact.

"We're making a deal with India, a much different deal than



US President Donald Trump shakes hands with Sergio Gor during the swearing-in ceremony of Gor as the US Ambassador to India, at the White House in Washington, DC, on Monday. REUTERS

we had in the past," Trump said at the Oval Office as his close aide, Sergio Gor, was sworn in as the new US Ambassador to India by Vice President JD Vance.

Ties between New Delhi and Washington strained over Trump's tariffs, while India's refusal to grant duty concessions to US firms in its agricultural

and dairy sectors remains a major sticking point in trade talks.

"But we're getting close. Scott, I think we're pretty close to doing a deal that's good for everybody," Trump told US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent during the ceremony.

"That's right," Bessent replied. On August 6, Trump im-

posed an additional 25% tariff — on top of the earlier 25% — on India's exports to the US to deter its oil imports from Russia. "Right now the tariffs are very high on India because of the Russian oil," Trump said, adding, "It's been reduced very substantially. Yeah, we're going to be bringing the tariffs down."

India announces Rs 4,000 cr credit line for Bhutan

THIMPHU, PTI: India and Bhutan on Tuesday inaugurated a 1,020-MW hydropower project built with Indian assistance, as Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the progress and prosperity of both countries are closely linked and that greater focus will be placed on boosting connectivity.

Modi and King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck inaugurated the Punatsangchhu-II project following wide-ranging talks. Electricity generated from the project will be supplied to both countries.

India also announced a concessional credit line of Rs 4,000 crore to fund energy projects in Bhutan. Energy cooperation remains a key pillar of the India-Bhutan partnership. The two leaders exchanged views on enhancing ties and discussed issues of mutual interest.

King Jigme Khesar conveyed condolences over the loss of lives in the Delhi blast and expressed appreciation for India's support for Bhutan's development.

WORLD AT A GLANCE



An Iraqi woman shows her ink-marked thumb to her family members after casting her ballot during the parliamentary polls in Basra on Tuesday. AFP

Iran seeks 'peaceful nuclear deal' with US, says official

► Iran wants to reach a "peaceful" nuclear agreement with the United States to resolve a decades-long dispute but will not compromise its national security, Deputy Foreign Minister Saeed Khatibzadeh said on Tuesday, Reuters reports from Abu Dhabi.

The US, its European allies and Israel accuse Tehran of using its nuclear programme as a cover for efforts to develop the capability to produce weapons. Iran maintains that its nuclear activities are solely for peaceful purposes. In October, President

Donald Trump said the US was ready to make a deal with Iran when Tehran was prepared to do so, adding, "The hand of friendship and cooperation (with Iran) is open." Speaking at the 12th Abu Dhabi Strategic Debate, Khatibzadeh said Washington was sending Tehran contradictory messages about nuclear talks through third countries. The two nations held five rounds of negotiations before a 12-day war between Iran and Israel in June, during which Washington joined by striking key Iranian nuclear sites.

Suicide blast kills 12 in Islamabad

Pakistani Taliban claims responsibility for the attack

ISLAMABAD, AFP



Firefighters douse a car at the suicide blast site in Islamabad on Tuesday. AFP

The Pakistani Taliban has claimed responsibility for a suicide bombing that killed at least 12 people in Islamabad on Tuesday — a rare attack by the militant group on the country's capital.

The first such attack to hit the city in years sent people fleeing in panic, leaving

shattered glass and charred vehicles on the road outside district court buildings.

"Judges, lawyers and officials who carried out rulings

under Pakistan's un-Islamic laws were targeted," the Pakistani Taliban said, warning of more attacks until Islamic law is fully implemented in the

Muslim-majority country. Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi said 12 people were killed and 27 wounded when the assailant detonated explosives near a police vehicle. A lawyer at the scene, Mohammed Shahzad Butt, said there was a "massive blast." "Everyone started running inside out of panic."

Pakistan's Prime Minister, Shehbaz Sharif, has accused the TTP and separatists from the country's Balochistan region — both of whom have carried out attacks mainly targeting security forces.

Pakistan's Defence Minister, Khawaja Asif, said the Islamabad suicide attack should serve as "a wake-up call."

Szalay wins Booker Prize

LONDON, PTI

Hungarian-British author David Szalay has been named the winner of the 2025 Booker Prize for his novel *Flesh*, beating Indian author Kiran Desai's *The Loneliness of Sonia* and *Sunny* at a ceremony in London.

Szalay, 51, received 50,000 pounds and a trophy on Monday night from last year's Booker winner, Samantha Harvey, for his novel about an emotionally detached man whose life begins to unravel through a series of events beyond his control. "Using only the sparest of prose, this hypnotically tense and compelling book becomes an astonishingly moving portrait



David Szalay with the Booker Prize in London on Monday. AP/PTI

trait of a man's life," the Booker Prize judges said.

Desai missed out on becoming only the fifth double winner in the Booker Prize's history, having earlier won the coveted literary prize for fiction in 2006 for *The Inheritance of Loss*.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Collins Aerospace opens 26-acre facility in Bengaluru; invests \$25 mn

The new facility will employ over 2,000 skilled employees in R&D

BENGALURU, DHNS

Collins Aerospace, an RTX business, on Tuesday opened its new Collins India Operations Centre (CIOC), a 26-acre manufacturing facility at KIADB Aerospace Park in Bengaluru. This facility, which can host more than 2,200 employees by 2026, will enhance the company's capability to manufacture advanced aerospace products for global markets.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who inaugurated the centre, said Collins Aerospace is investing \$25 million in Karnataka. "This new facility will

create over 2,000 skilled jobs in research, development, and advanced manufacturing. Karnataka contributes nearly 65% to India's aerospace and defence sector. World-class aerospace and defence parks are being established in Bengaluru, Belagavi, Mysuru, Tumakuru, and Chamara-janagar," he said.

Siddaramaiah added that more than 2,000 small and medium enterprises are engaged in the aerospace and defence sectors across the State. Companies such as Mahindra Aerospace and Rangsons have made substantial investments here, and 48 agreements have been



signed in this sector. Rangsons, in partnership with Boeing, is investing Rs 2,915 crore.

The State aims to attract investments worth Rs 45,000 crore and generate around 60,000 jobs over the next five years, he said.

Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar hailed Bengaluru as the 'Karma Bhoomi' of Aerospace experts.

"Bengaluru has earned a name for itself in knowledge and technology, especially

aerospace. Karnataka produces 1.5 lakh engineering graduates every year," he said.

Industries Minister MB Patil said that this is Collins Aerospace's first facility in India, established under the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme.

The facility is equipped with an Industry 4.0 Building Management System, a connected ecosystem that enhances the speed and quality of delivery. It will also be equipped with advanced manufacturing technologies such as artificial intelligence, additive manufacturing and robotics, and will initially be used to manufacture seats, lighting and cargo systems, temperature sensors, communication and navigation systems, water solutions, and evacuation slides.

"The Collins India Operations Centre will drive operations and manufacturing for more than 70 Collins products,

enhancing worldwide service transformation and delivering operational excellence," said Roy Gullickson, senior vice president of operations at Collins Aerospace. "The CIOC will also have incremental capacity to support future growth opportunities and customer requirements," he added.

Collins Aerospace has been manufacturing and investing in India for nearly three decades, and it has more than 6,500 employees across engineering, digital, manufacturing, operations and supply chain functions. Earlier in the year, Collins Aerospace announced its investment in a new Engineering Development and Test Centre in Bengaluru.

RTX is the largest aerospace and defence company, and it employs over 185,000 people globally. The company, with 2024 sales of more than \$80 billion, is headquartered in Arlington, Virginia.

Rupee jumps 23 paise to close at 88.50 against US dollar

MUMBAI, PTI: The rupee appreciated 23 paise to settle at 88.50 against the US dollar on Tuesday, amid progress on the US shutdown bill and optimism over the US-India trade deal.

Forex traders said a rebound in domestic equities and optimism over a nearing US trade deal supported the local unit.

However, elevated crude oil prices and foreign fund outflows weighed on investor sentiment.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened at 88.69 against the American currency, touched an intraday high of 88.50 and a low of 88.72 during the session.

The domestic unit finally settled for the day at 88.50, higher by 23 paise from its previous close.

On Monday, the rupee had settled at 88.73 against the greenback.

"The rupee gained on Tuesday, on a rise in risk appetite in global markets and a weak dollar," Anuj Choudhary, Research Analyst, Mirae Asset ShareKhan, said, adding that expectations of the end of the US government shutdown boosted global market sentiments.

Choudhary further noted that the rupee is expected to trade with a slight positive bias on rising global markets and weakness in the US dollar.

"However, elevated crude oil prices and importer demand for dollars may cap the upside. Markets may remain volatile as the US government shutdown nears an end. USD-INR spot price is expected to trade in a range of 88.30 to 88.80," he said.

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, rose 0.03% to 99.61.

Adani to build largest battery energy storage project

NEW DELHI, PTI

The Adani Group on Tuesday announced its entry into the battery energy storage sector with plans to set up a 1,126 MW / 3,530 MWh Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) at Khavda in Gujarat, which will be India's largest and among the world's biggest single-location storage projects.

The facility, comprising more than 700 BESS containers, is expected to be commissioned by March 2026, the conglomerate said in a statement.

It will form part of the Khavda renewable energy complex, billed as the world's largest renewable energy plant.

Battery storage is required to make renewable energy more reliable, provide back-up power, and improve grid stability. It allows energy generated from sources like solar and wind to be stored and then used when the source is unavailable, such as at night or during low-wind periods.

This reduces reliance on the grid and fossil fuels, lowers electricity bills, and ensures a consistent power supply. Adani said its project



aims to enhance grid reliability, ease peak load pressures, reduce transmission congestion, and support round-the-clock clean power supply. It will use advanced lithium-ion battery technology integrated with energy management systems for optimized performance.

The BESS project would have a power capacity of 1126 MW and energy capacity 3530 MWh. This means that BESS would be able to store 3530 MWh of energy - extending power capacity of 1126 MW by around 3 hours.

"Energy storage is the cornerstone of a renewable-powered future," said Gautam Adani, Chairman of Adani Group. This initiative, he said, would enable the group to deliver reliable, clean and affordable energy solutions at scale.

ONGC Q2 net profit declines 18% on lower oil prices

NEW DELHI, PTI

State-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has reported an 18% fall in its second-quarter net profit due to lower oil prices.

The company's net profit stood at Rs 9,848 crore in July-September — the second quarter of 2025-26 financial year — compared to Rs 11,984 crore earnings in the same period a year back, ONGC said in a statement.

The fall in profit of India's biggest oil explorer was primarily a decline in crude oil prices — from \$78.33 per bar-

rel in Q2 of FY25 to \$67.34 in the current fiscal.

The crude oil that ONGC pumps from the ground and from beneath the seabed is sold to refineries, which process it into fuels like petrol and diesel.

Price of natural gas, which is used to generate electricity, produce fertilizer, power automobiles as CNG and used in household kitchens as cooking fuel, rose 3.8% to \$6.75 per million British thermal unit for legacy wells.

The rate for gas from new wells — which receives a premium to offset additional costs — dipped to \$8.36 per

mmBtu in Q2 from \$9.42 per mmBtu last year.

"Gas from new wells is eligible for a 20% premium over the domestic APM (legacy) gas price. ONGC is actively working to boost output from such wells. During the first half of 2025-26 fiscal (FY26), revenue from new well gas stood at Rs 3,352 crore, delivering an additional Rs 651 crore revenue compared to the APM gas price," the statement said.

ONGC produced 4.63 million tonnes of crude oil in Q2, marginally higher than the 4.576 million tonnes output in July-September 2024.

Bosch revenue up 9.1% in Q2

BENGALURU, DHNS: Bosch Limited, a leading supplier of technology and services, on Tuesday posted its total revenue from operations of Rs 4,795 crore (470 million euros) in second quarter ended September 2025, an increase of 9.1% over the same quarter of last year. This growth is driven by higher demand in passenger cars and off-highway segment.

The Profit After Tax, this quarter stood at Rs 554 crore (54 million euros) which is 11.6% of revenue from operations.

The Profit Before Tax (before exceptional items) stood at Rs 730 crore (72 million euros) which is 15.2% of the total revenue from operations, an increase of 7.9% over the same

quarter of previous year. The improvement is mainly on account of favourable product mix and optimisation of expenses. Exceptional item in Q2 of FY 2024-25 contain profit on sale of OE diagnostics business at Rs 49 crore (5 million euros).

"This quarter, we recorded growth led by sustained demand in passenger car and off-highway segments coupled with increased sales in key components. This performance reflects our commitment to innovation and customer-centricity despite multiple headwinds," said Guruprasad Mudlapur, President of the Bosch Group in India, and Managing Director, Bosch Limited.

Overall product sales of the automotive segment have increased by 11.9% Y-o-Y.

Net direct tax revenues jump 7%

NEW DELHI, PTI: Net direct tax collection has grown 7% so far this fiscal year to over Rs 12.92 lakh crore on higher corporate tax mop-up and slower refunds.

Refund issuances dropped 18% to over Rs 2.42 lakh crore between April 1 and November 10.

Net corporate tax collection during the period stood about Rs 5.37 lakh crore, up from Rs 5.08 lakh crore in the

same period in 2024.

Non-corporate tax, including individuals and HUFs, mop-up so far this fiscal year stood around Rs 7.19 lakh crore, up from about Rs 6.62 lakh crore in the same period last year.

Securities Transaction Tax (STT) collection stood at Rs 35,682 crore so far this fiscal year, marginally lower than Rs 35,923 crore in the year-ago period.

IN BRIEF

1st National Indoor Athletics in January

► The inaugural edition of the National Indoor Athletics Championships will be held in Bhubaneswar in January, the national federation said on Tuesday, reports PTI from New Delhi.

The state-of-the-art facility at Kalinga Stadium Complex in the Odisha capital will host the event, though the exact date is yet to be decided.

The addition of the National Indoor Championships for the first time in the athletics calendar is in line with the AFI bidding for the 2028 Asian Indoor Championships.

Association Cup from Nov 21

► The Karnataka State Basketball Association (KSBA) will be conducting the State Association Cup basketball championship for men and women from November 21 to November 29 at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium courts, reports DHNS.

State archery trials on Nov 16

► The Karnataka Amateur Archery Association (KAAA) is conducting selection trials for archers to participate in the 45th NTPC Senior (men and women) Recurve Round, 21st NTPC Senior Compound Round and 32nd NTPC Senior Indian Round National Archery Championship, reports DHNS.

The trials will be held at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium from 8:30 am on November 16. Registered archers of the KAAA need to send their entries to T Anantha Raju, secretary KAAA, on or before November 15. For further details contact 080 22275656.

Teen Naishaa out in qualifiers

► Teenage Indian shuttler Naishaa Kaur Bhatoye failed to qualify for the main draw of the Kumamoto Masters Japan after suffering a straight game loss to New Zealand's Shaunna Li in the qualifiers on Tuesday, reports PTI from Kumamoto, Japan.

The 17-year-old Indian went down 17-21, 18-21 to her higher ranked opponent in 32 minutes in the women's singles qualification round of the Super 500 tournament.

Anahat makes winning start

► India's reigning women's national champion Anahat Singh made a winning start at the China Open in Shanghai on Tuesday but compatriots Abhay Singh and Velavan Senthilkumar lost in the men's opening round, reports PTI from New Delhi.

Abhay lost to Baptiste Masotti, with the French world No. 17 winning by margin of 11-8, 11-7, 11-4, while Senthilkumar went down to higher-ranked Egyptian Mohamed Abouelghar 8-11, 12-14, 6-11.

China visa issues for Nagal

NEW DELHI, PTI: India's top-ranked tennis player Sumit Nagal on Tuesday sought urgent intervention from the Chinese embassy here after his visa application to travel to China for the Australian Open Playoff was rejected without any reason.

Nagal took to social media platform X to make his appeal, tagging the Chinese Ambassador to India and the spokesperson of the Chinese Embassy.

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CRICKET TEST SERIES

India switch on prep mode

Gill, Jaiswal, Sai sweat it out at 'nets' ahead of first Test vs South Africa

KOLKATA, PTI

Transitioning from the shorter formats to the rigours of red-ball cricket takes time, and India captain Shubman Gill spent close to an hour and a half at the 'nets', fine-tuning his technique ahead of the opening Test against South Africa, starting here on Thursday.

The Proteas arrive high on confidence, having fought out a hard-earned 1-1 draw in Pakistan last month under challenging conditions.

Gill, who struck a fifty and an unbeaten century in the two home Tests against the West Indies that India swept last month, has been searching for runs in white-ball cricket.

He managed just one score above fifty -- a 46 at Carrara Oval -- from eight innings across the ODIs and T20Is in Australia.

Back to leading the Test side, Gill batted with determination, keen to regain rhythm after a lean white-ball run.

Before the nets, head coach Gautam Gambhir and assistant coach Sitanshu Kotak were seen having a long chat with him near the High Court end, possibly discussing his approach.

Gill later joined his teammates for slip-fielding drills before padding up alongside Yashasvi Jaiswal for an intense net session.

Starting with spin, he faced Ravindra Jadeja and Wash-



India's Yashasvi Jaiswal (right) chats with captain Shubman Gill during a training session ahead of their first Test match against South Africa at the Eden Gardens in Kolkata on Tuesday. PTI

ington Sundar, playing mostly on the ground with occasional sweeps.

Moving to the pace nets, he faced Jasprit Bumrah for a few overs before Nitish Kumar Reddy and a few local club bowlers tested him with seam movement.

A support staff member then used a sidearm to deliver throwdowns from height, giving Gill extra bounce and pace.

After more than an hour in the side nets, he shifted to the central strip for another 30 minutes of throwdowns under the watchful eye of bowling coach Morne Morkel, who himself rolled his arm over

generating sharp pace and bounce.

Fresh from scores of 67 and 156 for Rajasthan in the Ranji Trophy, Jaiswal also had a long stint at the central wicket, facing Morkel and throwdowns.

Spotlight on Sai

Another batter to spend significant time at the nets was Sai Sudharsan, the Tamil Nadu youngster who managed just 84 runs in two unofficial Tests for India A against South Africa A.

The team management continues to back him for the No. 3 slot, though he is yet to make it his own, with only a 61 against

England in Manchester and 87 versus West Indies at home to show in Tests so far.

His India A teammates -- KL Rahul, Jurel, Kuldeep Yadav, Mohammed Siraj -- skipped the optional practice joining the squad only a day earlier after a demanding A series in Bengaluru that concluded on Sunday.

But there was no such 'break' for Sai who batted with full intensity, facing pacers, spinners, and throwdowns at the centre strip.

The number three position remains a talking point, especially with Dhruv Jurel in prolific form.

There's also speculation that Jurel could feature as a pure batter, with Rishabh Pant set to return to wicket-keeping duties after injury.

Focus on pitch

After nearly three hours of training, the team's think tank -- Gambhir, Kotak, Morkel, and Gill -- gathered at the centre wicket for a long pitch inspection.

Morkel and Gill checked firmness before summoning curator Sujan Mukherjee for a 15-minute discussion. Judging by their expressions, the management did not appear entirely pleased with the surface.

Cautious Karnataka settle for a draw

BENGALURU, DHNS

After three hard-fought days of cricketing action, a painstaking hundred from Mayank Agarwal (103, 249b, 8x4, 1x6) and a fluent fifty from Abhinav Manohar (96, 160b, 11x4, 2x6) were the only highlights on the final day as Karnataka settled for a draw and three points in their fourth Elite Group B fixture against Maharashtra at the MCA Cricket Ground at Gahunje in Pune.

With Karnataka and Maharashtra trading blows, a riveting final day's play was on the cards with the visitors leading by 157 runs at stumps on day 3, having lost half their side in 49.4 overs.

However, with wickets hard



Abhinav Manohar scored 96 on the final day to ensure Karnataka took 3 points against Maharashtra. DH FILE PHOTO

to come by on the last day and Karnataka's reluctance to take some calculated risks, the game ended in a tame draw.

Karnataka will now head back to Hubballi for their second home game against Chandigarh with three points,

courtesy a 13-run first-innings lead, while Maharashtra pick up a solitary point.

As things stand, Karnataka sit second in Group B with 14 points to their name in four games, behind Madhya Pradesh (15 points).

Earlier in the day, the visitors added 166 runs to their tally before the players shook hands to call it time, with Karnataka declaring on 310/8 in 110 overs.

At one point, the lead was 157 with just five wickets in hand and Karnataka needed a partnership to prevent a collapse.

Having resumed play from their overnight score of 144/5, the Karnataka sent in Manohar, who joined forces with skipper Agarwal to add a crucial 92-run partnership for the sixth wicket.

Agarwal, eight years on from having scored a career-reviving 304 in Pune, reached his 20th first-class ton, but had to walk back soon after the landmark, bowled by Siddhesh Veer.

Karnataka lost Agarwal with 236 on the board and had a lead of 249 but they were in no mood to declare and continued batting.

Manohar, who had missed out on his fifty in the first innings, batted out valuable time to guide his team to a position where a Maharashtra win was entirely out of the equation.

Silver for Aishwary, Esha-Rana duo at World Championships

CAIRO, PTI: Olympian Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar equalled the qualification world record and then won his first-ever individual World Championship medal by settling for silver in the men's 50m rifle 3 positions final here on Tuesday.

Newly-crowned air pistol world champion Samrat Rana and defending champion Esha Singh also ended with a silver medal in the 10m air pistol mixed team competition, after they went down 10-16 in the gold medal match to China's Kai Hu and Qianxun Yao.

Before that Aishwary, the two-time Olympian, managed 466.9 in the 45-shot final to finish behind China's reigning Olympic champion Liu Yukun, who ended 0.2 ahead with 467.1.

India continued to hold the second position in the medal tally behind China with three gold, five silver and three bronze in their kitty. China have so far won eight gold in a total of 14 podium finishes.

Aishwary, the reigning Asian champion, shot like a dream throughout the day, scoring an astonishing 200/200 in the kneeling position of the qualification round and followed that up with yet another perfect 200 in the



Aishwary P Singh Tomar

second prone position.

He lost just three points in the standing position to end up with a tally of 597 and top the 66-strong field. It also matched the men's 3P qualification world record score, hitherto jointly held by Liu and his fellow Chinese Lins-hu Du.

Niraj Kumar, the second Indian in the field, qualified fifth with a score of 592.

In the eight-man final, Aishwary had a poor start, an 8.6 for his sixth kneeling shot setting him back early. The recovery began in his favourite prone position and a defining series of 53.3, 52.7 and 52.7 lifted him to second, just 0.2 behind leader Liu.



P Harikrishna ponders a move during his match against Nils Grandelius. FIDE

Praggnanandhaa wielding Whites in a Spanish Opening game was in an uncomfortable position almost from the Opening stages against Daniil Dubov. Pragg, always one of the most exciting players to watch for in any tournament has been a bit under the weather but somehow Lady luck has been benevolent. Dubov failed to spot the path to victory and a draw was sealed after 41 moves.

Arjun and Leko were involved in a rather short Sicilian Defence game, lasting barely 20 moves with just about one piece and a few pawns exchanged. Arjun probably felt that he had better chances with the White pieces on Wednesday.

Peter Leko, a former Classical World Championship Challenger summed up his decision for opting for a draw with "It was a very interesting game. I knew the lines but I had not analysed it deeply. So being too low on the clock, I decided to draw by repetition," also adding that he likes playing with black pieces.

Round 4.1 pairings: GM Peter Leko (HUN) drew with GM Arjun Erigaisi; GM R Praggnanandhaa drew with GM Daniil Dubov; GM Pranav Venkatesh drew with GM Nodirbek Yakubov (UZB); GM Nils Grandelius (SWE) drew with GM Pentala Harikrishna; GM Liem Quang (VIE) drew with GM Karthik Venkataraman.

IPL auction in Abu Dhabi

The Indian Premier League auction will be held in Abu Dhabi mid December, a BCCI official told PTI on Tuesday.

It will be the third time in a row that the auction will be held overseas, following Dubai (2023) and Jeddah (2024). It is likely to be held on December 15 or 16.

"Abu Dhabi has been locked in as the auction venue," the official said.

It would be a mini auction following the mega auction in Saudi Arabia last year.

Two-tier Test system unlikely to take off

DUBAI, PTI: The much-debated two-tier World Test Championship model is unlikely to take off, and, instead, the International Cricket Council (ICC) might give all 12 full members a chance to play in the next WTC cycle starting from mid 2027.

Currently, nine full members are involved in the WTC matches while Zimbabwe, Afghanistan and Ireland are not part of the elite circle despite having the full member status.

An assessment group led by former New Zealand batter Roger Twose did consider the idea of a two-tier system but did not receive enough backing during ICC's quarterly meeting which was held in Dubai recently.

Revival

The ICC might also consider reviving the Super League concept in ODIs, which was scrapped after the 2023 World Cup.

It was conceptualised in 2020 to give more context to the ODI format, but the 13-team system did not progress as expected.

Many members who attended the ICC meeting felt that the 50-over format is not near extinction but can survive if provided a proper structure to it.

Archers Deepika, Dhiraj bounce back to enter semis

DHAKA, PTI

Star archers Deepika Kumari and Dhiraj Bom-madevara were back to their best after missing out on the team berths, as India secured at least three individual medals in recurve events of the Asian Archery Championships here on Tuesday.

Top-ranked Indians Deepika and Dhiraj, who had failed to make the team events after finishing last among their compatriots in qualification round on the opening day, bounced back strongly when the individual eliminations got underway.

Deepika stunned Shanghai World Cup gold medallist Lee Gahyun of Korea 7-3 to storm into the women's recurve semifinals, where she



Deepika Kumari

will face compatriot Ankita Bhakat.

Ankita, meanwhile, produced one of the biggest upsets of the day, topping top seed and former world champion Jang Minhee of Korea 6-4.

Sangeeta too joined the party, defeating Iran's Zare Reyhaneh 7-1 to enter the last-four, where she will meet Korea's Nam Suhyeon.

With Deepika, Ankita and Sangeeta all in the semifinals, India stand a strong chance of completing a clean sweep in the women's recurve individual category.

In the men's recurve section, Dhiraj made amends for his poor qualification round by defeating Uzbekistan's Amir-khon Sadikov in a shoot-off, both shooting 10s before the Indian prevailed with an arrow closer to the centre after being locked 5-5 in four sets.

He will take on Korea's Jang Chaehwan in the semifinal.

Rahul, the 11th seed, also put up a solid show to beat Lin Zih-Siang of Chinese Taipei 6-2 and set up the other semifinal against Korea's Seo Mingi.

Lin's misfired arrow in the fourth set handed Rahul an easy passage to the last-four.



Parikrma FC's Seiminlun Haokip (front) battles for possession against MFAR Student Union FC's Arun Kumar Nadarajan during their Super Division League championship football match at the BFS.
DH PHOTO/ BK JANARDHAN

Thangjalen 'tricks in PFC's narrow win

BENGALURU, DHNS: Thangjalen Haokip netted a hat-trick as Parikrma FC eked out a nervy 3-2 win over MFAR Students Union FC in the KSEFA Super Division League Championship at the Bangalore Football Stadium here on Tuesday.



Thangjalen broke the deadlock to put Parikrma 1-0 ahead in the 26th minute and then doubled the tally in the 43rd. In the day's other fixtures, Bengaluru FC played out a 2-2 draw with MEG & Centre FC, Bangalore Dream United FC posted 3-1 win over BBFC.

Results: Parikrma FC: 3 (Thangjalen Haokip 26th, 43rd, 72rd) bt MFAR Students Union FC: 2 (Lamkholen Doungel 54th, Muhammed Jaseem AP 69th); Bengaluru FC: 2 (Ningthou Khongiam Rishi 90th, Champa Mayum Rohen Singh 91st) drew with MEG & Centre FC: 2 (Pravesh Bisht 25th, Sarath Narayanan M 51st); Bangalore Dream United FC: 3 (LaDinThara 12th, Mohammed Rayan 14th, Angad Mangar 90th+1) bt Bharrath Bengaluru FC: 1 (Vishal Botare 57th).

Ashwa Tokyo wins feature

DELHI RESULTS
S Nawab-trained Ashwa Tokyo, ridden by Narendra Kumar, won the Champion Sprinters Cup, the feature event of the races on Tuesday.

1. Romantic Hero Plate - 1600M: Jet Sukhoi (Ramnandan Manjhi) 1; Master Multitude (Lave Kumar) 2; Ashwa Sultan (Narendra Kumar) 3; Master Stoude (Varun) 4; Wb: 2-1/2, 3-1/2, Hd. T: 1:40.12. TB: Imdad Ali Khan. Fav: Jet Sukhoi.

2. Celine Dion Plate - 1400M: Cletus (MB Oureshi) 1; Telekinsis (Rakesh) 2; Jet Thunder (Sunny Kumar) 3; Ashwa Sabira (Sameer) 4; Wb: Nk. 2-1/2, 1-3/4L. T: 1:26.62. TB: SM Abbas. Fav: Telekinsis.

3. Taurian Plate (Div II) - 1200M: Big Daddy (Dhanu Deora) 1; Viggen (Varun) 2; Divit (Faizan Khan) 3; Trending Cruise (Sunny Kumar) 4; Wb: 6-3/4, 3-1/2, 3L. 1:13.16. TB: R Kumar. Fav: Big Daddy.

4. Taurian Plate (Div I) - 1200M: Angelo (GS Shekhawat) 1; Tequila (Aasif Khan) 2; Bee Jay (Narendra Kumar) 3; Tantalising Star (Rakesh) 4; Wb: 3/4, 4-1/4L. Nk. T: 1:12.40. TB: Mohsin Khan. Fav: Nairobi.

5. Champion Sprinters Cup - 1200M: Ashwa Tokyo (Narendra Kumar) 1; Wonderfull Lady (Rakesh) 2; Ashwa Parth (Dhanu Deora) 3; Ashwa Bravo (Faizan Khan) 4; Wb: 1-3/4, 1-1/4, 1/2. T: 1:10.60. TB: S Nawab. Fav: Ashwa Tokyo.

6. Desert Eagle Plate - 1100M: Miss Irina (Vishal) 1; Lemon Pie (Kundan Paswan) 2; Ashwa Harbir (Narendra Kumar) 3; Maya (Varun) 4; Wb: 1/2, 2, 1-1/4L. T: 1:05.92. TB: R Kumar. Fav: Lemon Pie.

Bengaluru dividends
I race: Rs 17w; 13, 16p; Fc Rs 48; Q: Rs 26; Shp: Rs 32; Thp: Rs 26; Tri: Rs 123 & 65; Ex: Rs 438 & 281.
II race: Rs 57w; 15, 12, 38p; Fc Rs 75; Q: Rs 44; Shp: Rs 35; Thp: Rs 105; Tri: Rs 927 & 859; Ex: Rs 1,802 & 1,765.
III race: Rs 14w; 10, 13, 33p; Fc Rs 18; Q: Rs 12; Shp: Rs 21; Thp: Rs 52; Tri: Rs 95 & 60; Ex: Rs 344 & 154.
IV race: Rs 39w; 16, 16, 10p; Fc Rs 732; Q: Rs 357; Shp: Rs 40; Thp: Rs 35; Tri: Rs 1,887 & 638; Ex: Rs 33,823 & 14,495.
V race: Rs 14w; 11, 15p; Fc Rs 28; Q: Rs 23; Shp: Rs 23; Thp: Rs 22; Tri: Rs 31 & 18; Ex: Rs 39 & 28.
VI race: Rs 55w; 16, 14, 16p; Fc Rs 254; Q: Rs 219; Shp: Rs 43; Thp: Rs 42; Tri: Rs 1,223 & 197; Ex: Rs 1,615 & 615.
Jackpot: Rs 52,893 (3). **Runner-up:** Rs 3,238 (21). **I treble:** Rs 2,797 (3).

Kendall scores a hat-trick

BENGALURU, DHNS: Surge Stables' Neil Kendall, astride Hach Du Faubourg, won the 120-130 cm (Comp-3) and South Zone 120-130 cm titles in the FEI Jumping World Challenge 2025 at the Embassy International Riding School.

Results: 120-130 cm (Comp-3): Neil Kendall (Hach Du Faubourg, Surge Stables) 1; Kiran Akhade (SRS Newgrange, URB) 2; Sresth Raju Mantena (S Dancing Queen 116, Surge Stables) 3.

110-120 cm (Comp-3): Balaji Vijayasankar (Kyano, Surge Stables) 1; E Surya Aaditya (T King Toulon W. Z. ECE) 2; Kiran Akhade (Dolce Vita, URB) 3.

100-110 cm (Comp-3): Neil Kendall (Sandra Blue, Surge Stables) 1; Aradhana Anand (Democratric - V, Covai Stables) 2; Kiran Akhade (Geronimo, URB) 3.

Overall winners South Zone: 120-130 cm: Neil Kendall (Hach Du Faubourg, Surge Stables).
110-120 cm: Barath Manoharan (Hendrix, ECE).
100-110 cm: Aradhana Anand (Democratric - V, Covai Stables).

Confident Riya and Co hope to spring a surprise

**ADITYA K HALDER
BENGALURU, DHNS**

After grinding it out with 30-35 weeks of unforgiving professional tennis this season, the best of Indian women's tennis will join forces under the tri-colour as they take on favourites the Netherlands and Slovenia in the Billie Jean King Cup playoffs here from November 14-16.

Stakes are as high as they could get as India, who made it to the playoffs for the first time since 2021, will be aiming for a berth in the 2026 season qualifiers.

The new format made it a three-team affair while doing away with the two-team home-away ties.

Each team will play two singles and a doubles tie (if needed) against each of their opponents.

What makes it further trickier is that only the group winner progresses, while the remaining two will compete in continent-wise Group I next year.

Being picked as the hosts of Group G, India will be hoping to make the most of the home advantage of the 7,000-plus-capacity SM Krishna Stadium.

However, facing the two experienced outfits, the question that lingers in mind is do the Indians have enough fuel left in their tank at the fag end of the season?

"Many of us may indeed have already peaked for the season while spending most of it on the road," said Shrivalli Bhamidipaty, the sec-

ond-highest-ranked Indian. "But it's always exciting to end the season with Billie Jean because the fact that you are representing your country, adrenaline rush finds you."

The quintet of Sahaja Yamalapalli (world No. 309), Shrivalli (381), Riya Bhatia (468) and Ankita Raina (482) and Pratharna Thombare (doubles specialist), led by captain Vishal Uppal, will open their campaign against two-time finalists Netherlands on November 15.

The Dutch have made their intention clear by sending their best for the event, including world No. 87 Suzan Lamens and have covered their bases for the possible doubles ties too by including 41-year-old Elise Tamaela.

Indians, however, are not willing to read too much into the rankings, irrespective of the fact that four Indians are in the top 500.

"The current ranking is not a true reflection of what Indian tennis players are capable of," said Riya. "That's because it's difficult for us to compete in Europe for ranking points (most of the WTA events take place in Europe) due to the cost that comes with it. Playing in Bengaluru with the crowd backing us, expect to see some upsets."

Strategies and combinations in a team event like this take paramount importance as tweaking plans as per the strengths and weaknesses of your rivals has often done wonders.

India's long-standing cap-



Captain Vishal Uppal and coach Radhika Kanitkar (centre) interact with the Indian team during the practice session for the Billie Jean King Cup at SM Krishna Tennis Stadium on Tuesday.

DH PHOTO/ PUSHKAR V

tain Uppal has often been critical in this aspect as the number of matches won, followed by sets and games won, will play the tie-breaker if two or more teams have won the same number of ties.

Ask Uppal, what's on his mind for the two ties, the captain is keeping his card close to his chest.

"We will have a better picture (of whom he wants to play) by Friday," said Uppal. "But I have to be bold and gutsy about whom I put on the court (for a tie) and make such a decision with conviction. It's still a team effort and we are going to leave everything out there and give our country something to feel proud about."

With home support and self-belief on their side, India will look to script an inspiring finish to a long season on their own turf.

Electronic line judges debut at Bengaluru's BJKC ties

**ADITYA K HALDER
BENGALURU, DHNS**

With days to go for the Billie Jean King Cup playoffs in Bengaluru, the Karnataka State Lawn Tennis Association has installed the Hawk-Eye and an electronic line-calling system for the event at the SM Krishna Stadium here, making it the first time that such equipment is used at a tennis event in India.

This also means that the human line judges will not be present at the three-day event, as was the case during this year's Wimbledon, due to the installation of similar systems.

Chair umpires will continue to be part of it. Electronic

line calling uses a system of cameras and computers that automatically track a ball's trajectory to determine if it landed in or outside the line.

The Hawk-Eye system, on the other hand, uses multiple cameras to create a 3D model of the ball's path.

"It's the first time in India that a tennis tournament is using Hawk-Eye and an electronic line calling system, so it's going to be a different experience for the spectators (to see no line umpires)," KSLTA joint secretary Sunil Yajaman told *DH*.

The Hawk-Eye system is brought in by the tournament organisers while KSLTA has installed the electronic line calling system.

Alcaraz outlasts Fritz in thriller

Spaniard closes in on year-end No. 1 ranking

TURIN (ITALY), AFP



Carlos Alcaraz

Carlos Alcaraz battled to victory over Taylor Fritz at the ATP Finals on Tuesday, moving to within one win of securing the year-end No. 1 ranking for the second time.

The five-time Grand Slam champion made it two wins from two in the Jimmy Connors Group with a comeback 6-7 (2/7), 7-5, 6-3 victory over last year's runner-up Fritz in Turin.

He will qualify for the semi-finals if Alex de Minaur beats home hope Lorenzo Musetti in Tuesday's second match.

"I'm really happy that I was able to come back, find my good tennis," Alcaraz said. "I just tried to make the

most of the opportunities that he gave to me. I think we played great tennis, some great points."

Alcaraz, who was replaced by rival Jannik Sinner as world No. 1 following the Paris Masters earlier this month, will finish 2025 at the top of the rankings if he beats Musetti on Thursday.

Sinner has to successfully defend his Finals title, unbeaten, to have any chance of ending the season as number one for a second straight year.

Alcaraz now holds a 5-1 winning record against Fritz, whose only win came at the Laver Cup in September.

Historic pole for Atiqa

ABU DHABI, PTI

COTFA UAE championship.

Indian racing prodigy Atiqa Mir (**in pic**) stormed to a historic pole position before finishing third on the podium in the opening round of the Formula 1 Academy backed COTFA UAE karting series here.

The 10-year-old is the first Indian to be supported by Formula 1. Already part of the Champions of the Future Academy (COTFA) international series, Atiqa last month was picked by Formula 1 Academy for the two-round

With more eyeballs on this championship, there was additional pressure to deliver and Atiqa did not disappoint.

She clinched the pole position, becoming the first-ever female in the world to achieve this feat in COTFA mini class before adding a Heat win to a successful weekend.

She capped off a memorable week by finishing third. Atiqa was coming into the weekend after a stellar October when she secured multiple podiums across championships.



Prasad confirms his presidential candidate

BENGALURU, DHNS

Former India cricketer Venkatesh Prasad on Tuesday confirmed his candidature for the president's post of the upcoming Karnataka State Cricket Association elections and also unveiled his crew that's called Team Game Changers.

Prasad's former colleague Sujith Somasundar will contest for vice-president post, ex-KSCA treasurer Vinay Mruthyunjaya will stand for the all-important secretary's seat, AV Shashidhar for joint-secretary's role and BN Madhukar throwing his hat for the treasurer's post.

The KSCA election is scheduled for November 30, and the candidates can file their respective nominations from Wednesday until November 16.

Prasad, who had the legendary duo of Anil Kumble and Javagal Srinath for support at a press conference on Tuesday, said the main agenda of his team is to resurrect the sport that has taken a hit, especially after the tragic June 4 stampede during Royal Challengers Bengaluru's victory celebrations.

"We want to bring back glory to Karnataka. We would like to put Chinnaswamy Stadium back where it belongs. Our top priority is to bring back international cricket back to the iconic venue. Next year the T20 World Cup is happening in India but not a single game is scheduled in Bengaluru which pains my heart."



KSCA presidential candidate Venkatesh Prasad (centre) addresses the media along with vice-president contender Sujith Somasundar (right) and secretary contender Vinay Mruthyunjaya. DH PHOTO/ PUSHKAR V

Shanth Kumar unveils his team

Former Deccan Herald and Prajavani Editor KN Shanth Kumar, who will be contesting for the KSCA presidential post, on Tuesday unveiled his team, reports DHNS from Bengaluru.

D Vinod Sivappa will contest for vice-president's post, ES Jairam for secretary, MS Vinay for treasurer and BK Ravi for joint-secretary.

Other candidates: **Life member:** Sanjai Ashok Anand Polli, KS Kedarnath. Founder institutional members: Rahul P Bafna, Y Jagannath (Garuda), VS Thilak Naidu (Bangalore Zone).

Other zones: Harikrishna Kumar RK (Mysore Zone), Veeranna S Savadi (Dharwad Zone), N Ashoka (Tumkur Zone), DS Arun (Shimoga Zone); Kushal Patil Gadgi (Raichur Zone); Shekar I Shetty (Mangalore Zone).

"I've also heard from many members that when it rains, water starts leaking in many parts of the stadium. We want to restore the glory at Chinnaswamy. We would also liaise with the state government and the BCCI and see if we can get the World Cup games. We also want to get international

cricket back to Bengaluru. That's a real priority for us."

Prasad, who will be locked in a fight against former Decan Herald and Prajavani Editor KN Shanth Kumar, said his team also wants to address the sad state of affairs at various grounds and academies across the state.

Hussain advances; Haohui stuns Advani

BENGALURU, DHNS

Indian cueist Hussain Khan scored a thrilling 4-3 win over Australia's Hassan Kerde to march into the men's pre-quarterfinals of the IBSF World Snooker Championships in Doha on Tuesday.

In a match of small margins,

the 29-year-old Indian, who came through the first stage qualification, played the important points well to set up a last-16 meeting with teen sensation Michal Szubarczyk.

Earlier, India's celebrated three-time champion Pankaj Advani bowed out 1-4 in the round of 24 against Deng

Haohui. In a match bereft of big breaks, the Chinese made the most of the chances that came his way to outplay his formidable Indian opponent.

Results (Indians unless mentioned): Men: Round of 24: Deng Haohui (Chn) bt Pankaj Advani 4-1 (66-24, 71-38, 62-11, 46-79 (53), 70-42); Hussain Khan bt Hassan Kerde (Aus) bt 4-3 (73-49, 59-30, 68-73 (61), 36-48, 60-140, 44-59, 85-37).

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